

New offer by Gorbachov on Asia missiles

Bid to unblock stalled Geneva arms talks

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday said he was prepared to withdraw all Soviet medium-range missiles from the Asian part of the Soviet Union, so eliminating one of the outstanding obstacles to a superpower agreement on medium-range missiles.

Mr Gorbachov made his offer conditional on agreement by the United States to do the same.

In an interview with the Indonesian newspaper *Merdeka*, Mr Gorbachov said: "In an effort to accommodate the Asian countries, the Soviet Union is prepared to agree to eliminate all its medium-range missiles in the Asian part of the

country as well as those in the western part of the country... In other words, we will proceed from the concept of a global double-zero."

He said too that shorter-range missiles would also be eliminated. The Soviet leader made it clear, however, that he did not make his proposal

Geneva - US and Soviet negotiators at the arms reduction talks will meet today in a special full plenary session requested by the Soviet delegation, a US spokesman, Mr Christopher Henze, said yesterday (Reuters reports).

conditional on the US removing its nuclear presence from South Korea, the Philippines, or Diego Garcia, though, he said: "We hope that at least it will not grow."

The Soviet Union for its part, Mr Gorbachov said, would pledge not to increase the number of aircraft in the Asian part of the USSR so long as the US did not deploy additional nuclear systems in the Pacific region that could

reach Soviet territory. He also broached the possibility of a superpower agreement to limit the activity of each others' ships in the Pacific.

In the same interview, Mr Gorbachov said the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan had been "decided", though he said external interference in Afghanistan must be halted and there had to be guarantees that it would not resume. But the Soviet Union favoured as short a timetable as possible for withdrawal.

The apparent acceptance by the Soviet leader of the "double-zero option" for a global elimination of medium-range nuclear missiles will be seen as an attempt by Mr Gorbachov to break the current deadlock at the talks in Geneva. However, even though the Soviet Union appears to have conceded the continuation of a US presence in South Korea and the Philippines, the vexed question of the Pershing IAs in West Germany - which the US and West Germany insist should be left outside the agreement - remains.

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Shares plunge on £1.16bn deficit

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The City embarked on heavy selling yesterday - the FT-30 index slumped 39.6 points - after the announcement of a big deficit on Britain's trade. The figures prompted market fears that the credit boom and strongly rising high street sales mean the economy is overheating dangerously.

Britain's trade in goods was in deficit by £1.16 billion in May, the worst set of figures for nine months and the second biggest on record, and £657 million worse than in April.

The current account, after allowing for the estimated £600 million surplus on the so-called invisible items of trade, was in deficit by £561 million, the first time it has been in the red this year. In April it was in surplus by £96 million.

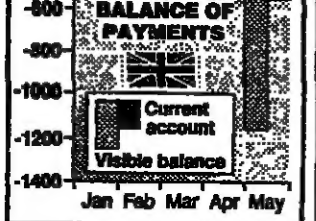
There was evidence in the figures that the spending boom in Britain was drawing in imports at an alarming rate, and diverting home-produced

goods from the export to the domestic market.

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said the figures were a "shock" after a recent run of good data.

But Mr Brian Gould, Labour's front bench trade and industry spokesman, said: "These figures show how civil

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Tanker convoy enters Gulf without challenge

Dubai (Reuters) - Three US warships with crews at battle stations herded two reflagged Kuwaiti tankers into the Gulf yesterday without encountering any challenge from Iran.

Shipping sources said the convoy, in rough seas and poor visibility, passed safely through the 24-mile-wide Strait of Hormuz, within range of Iran's anti-ship Silkworm missile sites.

The supertanker Bridgeton, 401,382 tonnes, and the tanker Gas Prince, 46,723 tonnes, which raised the Stars and Stripes yesterday to qualify for American naval protection, are expected to complete the 550-mile voyage to Kuwait with their escort late today or early tomorrow.

Passage through the strait was considered the most hazardous part of the mission. The voyage brought the US convoy within 14 miles of the

Iranian mainland. US combat planes flew air patrols over the ships as they weighed anchor this morning.

But air cover was suspended temporarily when the ships passed through the strait because it would have violated the 12-mile air space of either Iran or Oman, the sources said. But the convoy still has to pass through waters where Iranian Revolutionary Guards in high-speed boats have mounted hit-and-run raids on tankers from islands.

WASHINGTON: Iran's UN Ambassador, Mr Said Rajai Khorassani, said on television here that Iranian forces would not attack tankers under US escort "unless the Iraqi air forces attack our ships or a third party which comes to our shores" (Reuters reports).

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'Jeffrey Archer has been crucified by a popular newspaper'



Mr Archer and his wife, Mary, arriving at the High Court yesterday for the twelfth day of his libel case against The Star.

Massive damages demand by QC

By Paul Valley

A request for enormous damages in the "most ruthless libel case of modern times" was made yesterday by Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for Mr Jeffrey Archer, in his concluding speech to the High Court jury.

"We have a public figure who has been crucified by a popular newspaper. We have the multi-million pound newspaper group which runs that newspaper straining every sinew in court to destroy his reputation," he said.

Only huge damages could convey to the public that the charges were utterly baseless. They would also strike a blow for a fairer, cleaner press, he said.

Mr Justice Caulfield, who began his summing up yesterday afternoon, told the jury: "Jeffrey Archer by his own brain pulled himself from great debt to possibly considerable wealth in a few years. In material terms he can be described as rich. At this moment in reputation you may think that he is a pauper. And if your verdict goes against him you may think he

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is destined to endure the rest of his life as a social leper in a social workhouse for hypocrites.

"Assuming he is defeated, you can imagine a graveyard for lost reputations, you can imagine the memorial that would be raised for the lost reputation of a man with the distinctions and abilities of Jeffrey Archer. And the gravestone could possibly have two words quoting from the banner headline of the Star newspaper for November 1st: 'Poor Jeffrey'."

In his final speech, Mr Alexander denounced the conduct of *The Star* as wicked and said that it had hit a man when he was down. Mr Archer's political career had already suffered a severe blow from the allegations which forced his resignation as deputy chairman of the Conservative party.

These, published in the *News of the World* a week before *The Star* article, claimed that he had paid £2,000 to buy the silence of a prostitute. The article in *The Star*, which directly alleged that he had had sex with a woman who specialized in kinky practices, was much worse.

Mr Archer's courage in bringing a libel action, knowing what it would involve, was an indication of his innocence.

Arab shot in Chelsea ambush

By Stewart Tendler and Hazhir Teimourian

An Arab journalist was last night reported to have died after being shot in the head by a gunman lying in wait in a Chelsea street. The shooting is the second Middle Eastern terrorist incident in London in five days.

Scotland Yard was unable to confirm the identity of the man. But according to an editor on the Kuwaiti *Al-Qabas* newspaper he was Najib Al-Aly, aged about 50, a well known Arab cartoonist.

He was shot in Ives Street, Chelsea, at tea-time close to the *Al-Qabas* offices. Shots were fired by a black man wearing a blue denim jacket who then fled on foot.

Scotland Yard said later that a Ford Fiesta car had been stopped by police at Oxford Circus. Police arrested a white man, but a black man escaped.

The victim was taken to St Stephen's Hospital, Fulham, where an Iranian exile figure is still recovering from a car bomb last weekend in Kensington. He is reported to have died on the way to the hospital.

Married with five children he had been living in London since 1985.

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Baker blocks Labour's school assets sale move

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Kenneth Baker went on the offensive yesterday in the clash looming with Labour-run councils over his controversial education shake-up.

The Secretary of State for Education stunned and infuriated Labour MPs with a new measure intended to curb the opportunity for local authority opposition to the changes.

He said he was aware that certain local education authorities were planning to dispose of land and buildings in an attempt to cripple his plans to remove polytechnics from council control and to allow London boroughs to opt out of the Inner London Education Authority.

Accordingly, he was taking new powers, effective from midnight yesterday, to ensure that his approval was needed before any "important" disposals of assets were made.

His move, to be made law in the new Education Bill to be introduced in the autumn, delighted Conservative MPs.

Mr Baker, insisting he had evidence that attempts to "mortgage" polytechnics by lumbering them with large debts were under consideration in town halls, said he would remember the "various tricks" by which Mr Ken Livingstone, the then leader of the GLC and now Labour MP

for Brent East, attempted to torpedo past legislation.

"In the same way we want to make quite sure that the assets of those polytechnics and colleges are protected," the Secretary of State said, adding it would be "grossly negligent" of the Government not to act now.

Mr Jack Straw, chief Opposition education spokesman, joined by an angry chorus of Labour backbenchers, condemned Mr Baker's move, accusing him of an astonishing act of "megamania centralization".

He said that it would lead to administrative chaos and uncertainty with councils having to refer almost every decision, including the appointment of many teachers and heads, to the Secretary of State.

Mr Baker said that since June 1984 he had been considering what action it could take over its assets now that three Tory-controlled councils - Wandsworth, Westminster and Kensington and Chelsea - had indicated their intention to take over responsibility for education in their areas.

In addition, several poly-

technic directors had told him of their very great concern about possible asset stripping by their local authorities.

Mr Baker said that Nottinghamshire county council was thinking of "moving against" Trent Polytechnic.

In the case of polytechnics and colleges, destined to be freed from local control and funded centrally, his consent would apply to all disposals of land or interests in land, including buildings, connected with those institutions.

In the case of ILEA, it would have to apply for permission to dispose of similar educational assets or to enter into contracts worth above £15,000.

He delivered a blunt warning to councillors who might be considering defying his ruling and pressing ahead regardless.

The sanctions available to the district auditor in cases of unlawful expenditure or wilful misconduct, which include personal surcharges and disqualification from office, could apply to them, he said.

Mr Baker said that in the proposed Bill he would be seeking powers to penalize councils that ignored his ruling.

Dearing to retire as PO booms

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

Sir Ron Dearing, aged 56, chairman of the Post Office and National Girobank, which yesterday announced record £170 million pretax trading profits, is to leave in September after more than seven years with the organization.

Sir Ron, widely regarded as one of the most popular chairmen of the nationalized industry, insisted he had not been pushed out because of potential disagreements with the Government over piecemeal privatization of Post Office businesses.

Ministers have made strenuous efforts in the last year to persuade Sir Ron to remain at the Post Office, particularly as he was the architect of its dramatic turnaround in recent years.

Alternatively, he has been offered a number of fulltime public sector jobs, which he has said he would consider,

conversely, in his constituency. That adds another £8,107 a year.

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MPs have a contributory pension scheme, representing 9 per cent of their salary, which is matched by the Treasury. When the moment comes

Treatment of elderly 'appalling'

By Jill Sherman

The chairman of the independent inquiry panel into allegations of cruelty at the Nye Bevan old people's home in Camberwell, south London, yesterday said she was "appalled" at the way old people were treated.

But Miss Jocelyn Gibbs, a barrister, denied reports that the problems at the home had been due to antagonism between black workers and white residents.

An inquiry carried out between April and July 1985 failed to detect the serious incidents which later emerged.

Yesterday councillors criticized the social services department for allowing a year to elapse before instigating the independent inquiry.

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How the perks and privileges add up for MPs

By David Sapped

The 22 per cent pay jump which MPs awarded themselves this week - plus the increase to more than £21,000 in secretarial allowances - is far from a record in terms of the rises honourable members have deemed they deserve.

An 85 per cent increase was notched up in 1964 when pay reached the giddy heights of £3,250 a year. It shattered the previous record of a 50 per cent hike in 1937, though it could be that that rise was overdue: until then MPs had struggled by on the £400 a year paid since salaries for members were first introduced in 1911 - the equivalent, it is argued, of £50,000 today.

Monday night's vote on the latest

increase, from £18,500 to £22,548, was not taken on a whim. MPs' salaries are being tied by a complex Whitehall formula to 89 per cent of the maximum paid to senior principals in the Civil Service. What those fledgling mandarins do not enjoy, however, are the perks which come with a successful trip to the hustings.

For a start, there is the secretarial allowance: £20,140 at the moment, but about to be increased by at least 4.25 per cent. Such an allowance has to be accounted for: if the secretary happens to be your wife or daughter, as is increasingly the case, so much the better.

There is also the additional costs allowance, which is basically to enable an MP to stay in London or,

conversely, in his constituency. That adds another £8,107 a year.

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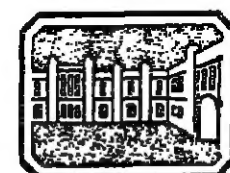
MPs have a contributory pension scheme, representing 9 per cent of their salary, which is matched by the Treasury. When the moment comes

for him or her to step down, voluntarily or otherwise, the Treasury provides a resettlement grant which, depending on age and length of service, ranges between 50 and 100 per cent of a year's salary.

MPs' standing in the pay league today: High Court judge, £64,739; airline captain (British Airways, max) £43,000; surgeon (Addenbrooke's Hospital) £30,340; dentist (Brighton) £21,700; oil executive (Shell UK) £22,000; university professor (min) £22,050; MP (from January 1, 1988) £22,548; Lieutenant-Colonel (starting pay) £23,000; bank manager (Stoke-on-Trent) £25,500; police superintendent (after three years) £25,650; chemist (St Albans) £17,748; architect (Birmingham City Council) £14,100.

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Company to sue over '£5m loss'

A furniture company that planned to operate in the former De Lorean car plant is to bring legal proceedings against Northern Ireland's Industrial Development Board, which refused to offer financial assistance after discovering that the project manager, Mr Nic Wattiez, was an undischarged bankrupt with a criminal record.

The company, London Refurbishing, wants to recoup up to £5 million it claims it had already committed to a project which aimed to bring employment for 4,000 people to west Belfast, one of the United Kingdom's unemployment blackspots.

The Government was to have invested £2 million, with £500,000 from the company, which has an annual turnover of £12 million.

The board rejected yesterday claims that it had been fully informed about Mr Wattiez's past. Mr Michael Moynahan, for the firm, said, "Everyone was aware of it. We were not trying to hide anything."

Heathrow jet scare

A British Airways TriStar carrying 249 passengers was forced to overshoot Heathrow Airport yesterday because a Pan American jumbo jet was still on the runway.

The TriStar, on a flight from Paris, was about 200 feet from the ground when it overshoot the Boeing 747, with 280 passengers.

The Civil Aviation Authority said the Pan Am plane, carrying 280 passengers from San Francisco, had missed its turning. The incident was not a "near miss".

Gold plot charge

A chartered accountant was accused yesterday of conspiring to handle in excess of £750,000 worth of gold or cash proceeds of the Brink's Mat bullion raid at Heathrow in 1983.

Mr Puthencherayil Medayil, aged 56, of Sutton Crescent, High Barnet, Hertfordshire, was bailed until August 19 by Horseferry Road magistrates in London.

Named in the charge as alleged co-conspirators were Mr Michael Relton, a solicitor, and Mr Gordon Parry, a property developer.

25 injured in crash

Three people were seriously injured and seven others taken to hospital when a double-deck coach carrying British holidaymakers overturned in north-east Spain yesterday.

The coach, carrying 63 passengers with four operators Sun Travel, skidded and overturned after being forced to brake quickly in rain to avoid a lorry.

Three men from the Newcastle area were last night being treated in hospital at Girona for lung, arm and leg injuries, and were said to be in a serious condition.

Seven others, including a boy aged six, were detained in hospital for 24 hours for observation. A further 15 passengers were treated on the spot for minor injuries.

Lloyd's new job

Mr Clive Lloyd, the former Test and county cricketer, was appointed yesterday a part-time member of the Commission for Racial Equality.

His appointment, announced by the Home Secretary, takes effect immediately and will last for a minimum of three years.

Mr Lloyd, who retired from first class cricket last summer after an outstanding career during which he captained Lancashire and the West Indies, will be the only part-time member of the 18-strong commission.

Profitable thinking

Civil Servants whose bright ideas profit the Crown are to be more generously rewarded, Mr Richard Lucas, Minister for the Civil Service, said the aim was to protect the value of awards against inflation and to encourage swift commercial exploitation of public sector ingenuity.

Recent inventions that have attracted payments include dust helmets for miners, a portable flare launcher, ships' position indicators and the use of a simple microcomputer as a video teaching aid.

Last year, the committee on awards to inventors, based at the Ministry of Defence, made more than 50 awards totalling £115,000.

9.5% rise for staff at GCHQ

By Roland Rudd

Workers forced to give up their trade union membership at the Government's GCHQ communications centre in Cheltenham have been given a pay increase more than twice as large as most other Civil Servants.

But only non-union members will be eligible for the 9.5 per cent rise.

The 37 remaining trade unionists at GCHQ, who belong to the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) or the Society of Civil and Public Servants, will only get the 4.25 per cent which the Treasury imposed on the two unions during the recent Civil Service pay dispute.

The announcement of the rise brought an immediate protest from the general secretary of the CPSA, Mr John Ellis.

He said: "It is disgraceful of the Government to make a magnanimous offer to people who were treated like ordinary Civil Servants when they were trade unionists."

The pay deal was negotiated by the staff federation which was set up after the Government tried to ban trade unions at GCHQ more than three years ago.

The federation chairman, Mr Brian Moore, said yesterday he was "pleased to see the Government had ensured that the GCHQ workers maintained their pay lead in the Civil Service which was established last year."

The 7,000 staff will now be bailed on the pay rise. If it is accepted the non-unionized staff will receive an immediate 3 per cent backdated to April 1. A further 5 to 6 per cent will be paid on October 1.

Ford staff can bank on £200

By John Spicer

The Ford Motor Company is offering its 33,000 hourly-paid staff £200 each to have their wages paid into a bank.

If the workers agree, the one-off payment will cost Ford £6.6 million. About half the employees already use credit transfer, and they are included in the offer.

The deal follows weeks of discussions with the unions, which are recommending acceptance. A ballot is to be held, but Ford says if the offer is rejected it will be withdrawn.

Ford wants to end the weekly movement of large amounts of cash into its plants. Banks have agreed to install cash points or branches at factories. Salaried staff already have their money paid direct to banks.

Ford said other big companies which were not yet paying wages into banks were seeking to do so. Apart from security, the advantage for workers was that they would no longer have to queue for weekly pay packets.

Compensation for cracked pavements is 'out of control'

By Martin Fletcher

Compensation payments to people who claim to have tripped over protruding paving stones in Northern Ireland were out of control and likely to cost the taxpayer millions of pounds, according to the Commons Public Accounts committee.

The situation was "serious and deteriorating" and the response of Northern Ireland's Department of Environment was "inadequate", the MPs said in a report published yesterday.

As disclosed in *The Times* in February, such payments amounted to just £47,000 in the 18 months to March 1975, but last year they totalled £4,124,000, with added administration costs of £527,000.

Mr Daniel Barry, permanent secretary at the department, also revealed to the

Inner cities 'losing out from cradle to grave'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

The lives of millions of people in Britain are overshadowed from the cradle to the grave by the crumbling fabric of the inner cities in which they live, a medical conference was told yesterday.

Against such a bleak background, some progress was being made, but there remained serious problems in providing adequate medical care, Sir Donald Acheson, the Government's chief medical officer, said.

Sir Donald, who was opening a conference on inner city medicine sponsored by the

Royal Colleges of Physicians and General Practitioners, called for new partnerships among professionals to tackle the problems. The findings of the conference are to be reported to the Prince of Wales, who has taken a great interest in inner-city problems.

The conference heard that people who live in the inner cities suffered as babies because they were more likely to be born into poorer families in overcrowded, decaying housing.

Their childhood was blighted by accidents, vandalism and violence and they struggled as adults against high

unemployment, neighbourhood crime and other social problems. In old age, they were increasingly isolated and vulnerable.

As the more affluent moved out, the inner cities were becoming the wandering ground of a rapidly growing population of homeless and hopeless families, alcoholics, drug users and the mentally ill, doctors were told, in papers read at the conference.

Ethnic minorities were more likely to have poor housing, lower-paid jobs or no jobs at all and have poorly equipped or under-staffed schools.

The conference was "most timely", Sir Donald said. The medical and nursing professions had long been aware of the problems in providing services for inner city dwellers, and the regeneration of inner cities was now a "prime objective" of the Government.

"Both the prevalence of certain diseases and the outcome of treatment is often worse in lower socio-economic groups. Some people in the inner cities have lower expectations of the health service and when little is expected, a poorer quality of service is often provided."

Problems that needed solutions included poor premises used by GPs, lack of teamwork among health workers and professional isolation, he said.

"We need much closer working together but this only becomes possible if the primary health care team is well established and well housed. Premises of a high standard are essential."

Sir Raymond Hoffenberg, president of the Royal College of Physicians, said the college and the RCGP would set up a monitoring system which would report back in a year's time on how problems were being tackled and what progress had been made.

A separate meeting called by the British Medical Association and the Health Visitors' Association (HVA) drew attention to the plight of more than 100,000 families with no permanent home but living in shabby bed and breakfast hotels, former hospitals and disused barracks.

Children of such families suffered poor health, suicide rates among adults were "horribly high" and health and social services could not cope, Miss Roma Iskander of the HVA said. "Society is creating refugee camps for the homeless in cities like Manchester and London."

Catalogue of cruelty at council home for elderly

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Fourteen social services staff, including four senior managers, are facing disciplinary action by Southwark Council after allegations of cruelty against residents at an old people's home in south London.

Ten care assistants have been threatened with dismissal if the allegations of physical and sexual abuse are substantiated.

The allegations appear in an independent report into the Nye Bevan Lodge in Camberwell, where the four managers have been told that unless there is new evidence they will face disciplinary charges but not dismissal.

The report which is now with the Director of Public Prosecutions, claims that in six cases residents may have been "helped to die" by care assistants who exposed them to the cold by opening windows and removing blankets.

It suggests that staff punished old people who did not want to get out of bed in the winter by leaving windows open. One resident was found suffering from hypothermia with the windows open and no blankets on the bed.

The report said: "It was like a fridge in the room. She recovered, but died within a week of being relocated to another home."

"The circumstances in which the windows were left open and the blankets removed, seem to us to suggest a sinister pattern, not mere coincidence."

"This type of behaviour was totally unacceptable and could only amount to criminal conduct."

The full report, which contains a catalogue of abuse which has allegedly occurred unchecked over the last seven years, claims that one care assistant who, on her own admission, was taking cannabis, injured a resident by throwing him against a wall.

It also alleges that an officer in charge who retired in 1985 following an internal report into the home, lied about the number of falls a resident had and accused him of deliberately falling down and sustaining serious bruising and cuts requiring stitches.

The report traces the alleged "deterioration" of the officer following the opening of a bar on the premises, which led to reports that she was always drunk and unable to cope.

The inquiry panel criticized senior management for failing to perceive the real situation, taking action against her only when someone queried the

purchase of artificial flowers. The residents were allegedly terrified of another care assistant who referred to one old man as "monkey man" and handled him roughly.

"Some of the residents would be so distressed if told he was coming on duty for the next shift that other care assistants would have to lie and say he was away."

The report says another care assistant was terrified of germs and wore two pairs of gloves all the time and lined up residents naked for bathing in the same bath water.

Another assistant was said to spend most of her time crocheting and refused to spend any time with incontinent residents.

Members of the social services committee were yesterday trying to put a brave face on the appalling conditions that had been disclosed at the home while warning that similar problems were probably occurring all over the country.

Mr Jeremy Fraser, chairman of the committee, said: "Southwark has prided itself on being a caring body but we have not cared for the elderly in Nye Bevan Lodge as they had the right to expect."

"There was also a sub-culture which prevented much of the truth from coming out. Brent, Camden and now Southwark have faced up to the facts. It is the other boroughs that we are worried about."

They claimed that the social services department had already put in hand several improvements into running homes in the borough.

Other incidents of abuse detailed in the report include: ● One lady found with burnt hands after being told to hold a hot towel rail. ● A care assistant was alleged to have put faces into the mouth of a resident. ● Bottles were used to avoid having to take residents to the toilet.

● Residents were often left in toilets or corridors unattended for long periods of time resulting in their falling. ● One resident, who was told to offer payments to a care assistant, said that she was physically abused every morning when she woke up. ● One resident burnt her feet after being left in hot water.

● A care assistant allegedly threw a cup at a resident, cutting the bridge of his nose. ● Residents were thrown into chairs, knowing this would cause pain.

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The old people's home in Camberwell, south London, where staff have been accused of cruelty to residents



Mr Amir-Hussein Amir-Parviz, the victim of Saturday's car bomb in west London, with his wife, Homa, at St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, yesterday. Mr Amir-Parviz, aged 63, is expected to leave hospital in about a week (Hazhir Teimourian writes). He said: "There are so many reasons for me to be grateful. My wife and children were not in the car. I survived, and now I have been told that

I shall not lose the use of my left leg or hands." A former minister of agriculture under the Shah, Mr Amir-Parviz is chairman of the British branch of the National Movement of the Iranian Resistance, a liberal grouping opposed to the regime in Tehran. He said the attempt on his life was "part of the Khomeini regime's war on the rest of the world". The police had not informed him

of the type of bomb used in the attack, but he thought it was sophisticated. "It exploded about four minutes after I left home. There was a flash of fire and then thick, black smoke. I thought I had crashed." He added: "The only effective solution is for the European governments not to let Iranian officials and to scrutinize the visas of those supporters who are already here."

Superconductor research Bids invited for new centre

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Proposals for a national university centre for superconductor research were published yesterday by the Science and Engineering Research Council.

The 11 British universities at the forefront of the subject have been invited to make bids, either individually or as part of a consortium, to house the centre. Submissions are needed by September 15 for a decision by October.

There are also plans for university research centres, known as URCS, in other areas, but an invitation to bid for those will be sent to all universities later this year.

The need for a quick decision in the rapidly developing field of superconductivity — the phenomenon of

materials with no electrical resistance — is emphasized in a letter from Professor Bill Mitchell, chairman of the research council, to the universities of Birmingham, Bristol, Cambridge, Durham, Leeds, Liverpool, Oxford, Southampton, Strathclyde and Warwick, and to Imperial College, London.

Tenders will have to estimate the equipment and staff a centre would need, and outline the "milestone" objectives, as well as arrangements for industrial advice and participation.

The criteria for the centre will be drawn up by an advisory board, describing the fields of advanced research in physics, chemistry, materials science and technology, elect-

ronics and engineering applications to be covered.

The scientists would be equipped with the latest types of cryostats (machines for refrigeration), computing facilities, electron microscopes, crystal growing facilities, analytical instruments and apparatus for synthesizing and fabricating new materials.

Equipment is expected to cost about £3 million to buy and £1.5 million to run.

The initiative for superconductivity is regarded as the first stage of a strategy to establish two or three university research centres each year for the next two or three years.

The idea was adopted to solve the problem of the rising cost of advanced research equipment.

Tight rein controls match fans

By Peter Evans

Home Affairs Correspondent

An increase in arrests at Football League matches of 29 per cent in 1986-7 and in ejections from grounds of 45 per cent in the same year, is evidence of more effective crowd control rather than worse behaviour.

These figures, which cover Divisions One and Two matches, were given by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, in a parliamentary answer yesterday.

Mr Hurd also quotes the Association of Chief Police Officers for England and Wales as noting an improvement in standards of crowd behaviour during the season.

● Paul Barnes, aged 27, a Chelsea football fan who swore at the referee and knocked off a policeman's helmet during a match last season was jailed for 14 days at West London Magistrates Court yesterday.

● Seven London football matches due to be played on August Bank Holiday Monday have been rescheduled due to policing difficulties in covering the matches and the Notting Hill Carnival.

Shake-up planned for 500 colleges

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A big shake-up in the way nearly 500 local authority colleges in England and Wales are run is proposed in a report published yesterday.

The report, by the Department of Education and Science, says the colleges, which offer non-advanced courses to nearly two million further education students, face an uncertain future because of a sharp decline in the number of 16 to 19-year-olds.

It says colleges must become more efficient by cutting costs and being more responsive to the needs of employers and students.

Its most controversial recommendations are that average class sizes should be increased by about 10 per cent over the next five years and that the length of many courses should be reduced.

It suggests that colleges should adopt "output indicators" so that their performances can be measured and compared and any divergences explained. The indicators should include a record of the proportion of students who complete their courses, find jobs and satisfy their employers.

The report also says that non-teaching resources account

for 40 per cent of college expenditure. It says space utilization, energy costs and "area cleaned per hour" are all useful measures.

It recommends local education authorities to give colleges more control over their own budgets, as the Government is proposing for schools, to increase their responsibility and accountability.

The report was immediately welcomed by Mr Howard Davies, Controller of the Audit Commission. He said it confirmed the commission's view that there were "considerable opportunities for increasing value for money obtained from the £1 billion spent annually on further education."

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, said the report set the scene for the 21st Century.

● Computers should be used in subjects such as music, design, art, history and English as well as the "traditionally technological areas", says the department.

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Minister of State for Education, yesterday announced a new strategy to put a computer in every classroom within five years.

Scheme to cut cereal growing

The Government intends to introduce a voluntary "set-aside" scheme to take land out of grain production early next year. Mr John MacGregor, Minister of Agriculture, said yesterday (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

He emphasized that he did not support the National Farmers' Union call for compulsory across-the-board cuts in cereal acreage. But he hoped that EEC farm ministers could reach agreement on national targets, leaving member states to implement them.

Mr MacGregor said at the annual luncheon in London of the Home-Grown Cereals Authority that over-production of cereals was a worldwide phenomenon, and the tensions that had created in a comparatively static world market were well known.

Mr Austen Laing, the authority's chairman, said there was no question of the EEC being able to maintain subsidies to allow exports to continue at the same levels reached over the last year. There was therefore every prospect that intervention stores would be filled up again in the coming months.

● Vegetable importers were urged yesterday to take strict precautions over the disposal of soil and other waste. The warning followed confirmation of the discovery of soil contaminated by the rhizomania virus in a consignment of Dutch potatoes.

Rhizomania, literally "root madness", attacks all beet vegetables, including sugar beet, beetroot and spinach, and can reduce a typical healthy yield from between 12 and 15 tonnes a hectare to less than three tonnes.

Steel widens Alliance rift with Owen

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, underlined yesterday the frostiness of his party's relations with the SDP (Our Political Reporter writes).

He said it was unlikely that either he or Dr David Owen would be attending each other's party conference this autumn. They have done so for the last two years.

Liberal sources said, though, it was probable other senior Social Democrats such as Mrs Shirley Williams, the SDP president who is in favour of a merger with the Liberals, would be invited to the Liberal Assembly.

Mr Steel and Dr Owen are likely to meet in the wake of the SDP's merger ballot on August 5 to discuss how to handle the conferences in the light of the result.

Mr Steel yesterday stressed the need to settle the merger dispute quickly, if possible before the local elections next May.

Editor of 'mos defence'

Ramblers in alert on forests

Jeffrey Archer libel case

Editor's silence part of 'most astonishing defence ever offered'

By Paul Valley

The response by *The Star* newspaper to Mr Jeffrey Archer's libel action is perhaps the most bizarre defence ever entered in such a case. Mr Robert Alexander, QC, counsel for Mr Archer, told the jury in his concluding speech yesterday.

The newspaper's editor and reporters had declined to give evidence to defend their allegation that Mr Archer, then deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, had paid £70 for sexual intercourse with a prostitute, Miss Monica Coghlan, and she had denounced the article, claiming it was based on an interview with her nephew who was "a compulsive liar".

Mr Alexander told the jury: "It must be the most astonishing defence ever offered."

● They did not give a damn if what they wrote was true ●

ing defence, in many ways, even in a libel case. It must be rare that a newspaper's principal witness describes the article they are together defending as mostly fantasy and fabrication. Yet even this did not prompt the paper's editor, Mr Lloyd Turner, to enter the witness box to defend it, he said.

Yesterday was the 12th day of the case in which *The Star* is attempting to justify its claim that Mr Archer had sexual intercourse with Miss Coghlan in room 6A of the Albion Hotel, Victoria, central London, in the early hours of Tuesday September 9.

Mr Archer also has a case outstanding against the *News of the World* which had earlier made similar allegations, though more ambiguously phrased.

Mr Alexander agreed with the submission by the newspaper's counsel, Mr Michael Hill, QC, who had said the previous day that all *The Star* was required to prove was "the balance of probability". But, he said, in a case such as this in which the allegations were so grave that they would "decide what Jeffrey Archer's reputation will be for the rest of his life", the highest standard of proof was required.

Mr Alexander said that any democracy needed a free press which "must draw attention to injustice and wrongdoing and be able to comment fearlessly on it". But this case highlighted the fact that there must be "limits and boundaries" to the actions of newspapers.

"Was it right that the *News of the World* could 'set in motion a web of deception to trap Mr Archer over a period of many weeks? Or that its reporter should pose to the prostitute as Mr Archer's friend? Or that its investigations editor should coach the prostitute in what lies to tell the politician? Or that it should tell her to pretend she

possessed an incriminating photograph which did not exist?"

"Was it right that one of its journalists should, for weeks on end, act as a minder and live 'hugger-mugger' with the prostitute? Or that the paper should pay her large sums of money and finance her foreign holiday? Or arrange for her to sell topless photographs for £5,400?"

Mr Alexander said that the defence had maintained that these issues were an excursion down the "highways and byways" of the case. But, on the contrary, they were its essence. "Journalistic methods like these create a terrible risk of a man being framed," he told the jury. Mr Hill, in his attempt to indicate otherwise, "was seeking to pull the wool over your eyes".

"Was it right for *The Star* to cash in on all this and then cynically defend a libel action just to provide more titillating stories out of the degrading accusations which day after day were made about Mr Archer?"

The paper's editor had sat in court and heard the testimony of the key identification witness, Mr Aziz Kurtha, a solicitor.

"The nonsense he spoke was surely evident to Mr Lloyd Turner," Mr Alexander said, and yet he had neither admitted that the paper was in the wrong nor entered the witness box to defend it.

"You may think that his silence is as eloquent as any of the witnesses we have heard. They did not give a damn whether what they wrote was true or false. Mr Jeffrey Archer must be brushed aside in the great cause of selling newspapers."

Mr Alexander then outlined, in a heavily sarcastic manner, the case for the defence, which he dubbed the case for the prosecution. It had not been given in detail the day before because it did not stand up under close scrutiny, he said.

He ridiculed the account by couching it in terms of a cheap comic melodrama. Its pivotal point, he said, came when it maintained that Mr Archer had followed Mr Kurtha and Miss Coghlan to her hotel, a journey during which Miss Coghlan had described the solicitor's driving as fast and reckless.

"Jeffrey Archer is no relation of Nigel Mansell nor has he been trained by Stursky and Hutch. Yet he is said to have driven this same crazy way. Has love at first sight ever led to such recklessness?"

"It is this scene which exposes the barrenness of the prosecution case. Suppose Jeffrey Archer had put such a story in one of his novels and sent it to Mr Cohen (his editor, who also gave evidence in the case). Wouldn't Mr Cohen have said 'Jeffrey, this won't do.' Of Mr Kurtha's recollection of a scene in

which he had lip-read Miss Coghlan's comment in the presence of Mr Archer, he told the jury: "This is the evidence on which you are asked to destroy Mr Jeffrey Archer." It was material which would have made great comedy in the hands of "the late Mr Peter Sellers. But what do you think of it as evidence to ruin this man's life?" he said, indicating Mr Archer, who, through all the jokes, sat impassively.

Throughout Mr Kurtha's evidence, constantly "it seemed necessary to pinch oneself a little in a world of make believe". The truth was that the case turned on the initial identification of Mr Archer by Mr Kurtha.

"The only person who says he recognized Jeffrey Archer that night is Aziz Kurtha. Miss Coghlan did not know Jeffrey Archer from Adam. It was Kurtha who planted in her mind the idea."

It was true that Mr Archer had subsequently tried to pay Miss Coghlan a large sum of money. But he did so because he was a generous man responding to a phone call from a woman in trouble.

"He did not try to buy her silence. What he tried to do was help her get away while he nailed the lie."

"It is, I suspect, impossible not to feel some sympathy for the sadness of Miss Coghlan's life. Reading between the lines, she must have had a disadvantaged inner city start to life. And now, after a

● You are being asked to destroy the rest of his life ●

working life few would envy, she is worried about the future."

"She, you may think, has been used by the *News of the World* and Kurtha. But she was also a woman of the world, a prostitute for 20 years and with some business experience in property developing. She may have seemed nervous and demurely dressed in the witness box but that was not how she behaved in Mayfair's red light district."

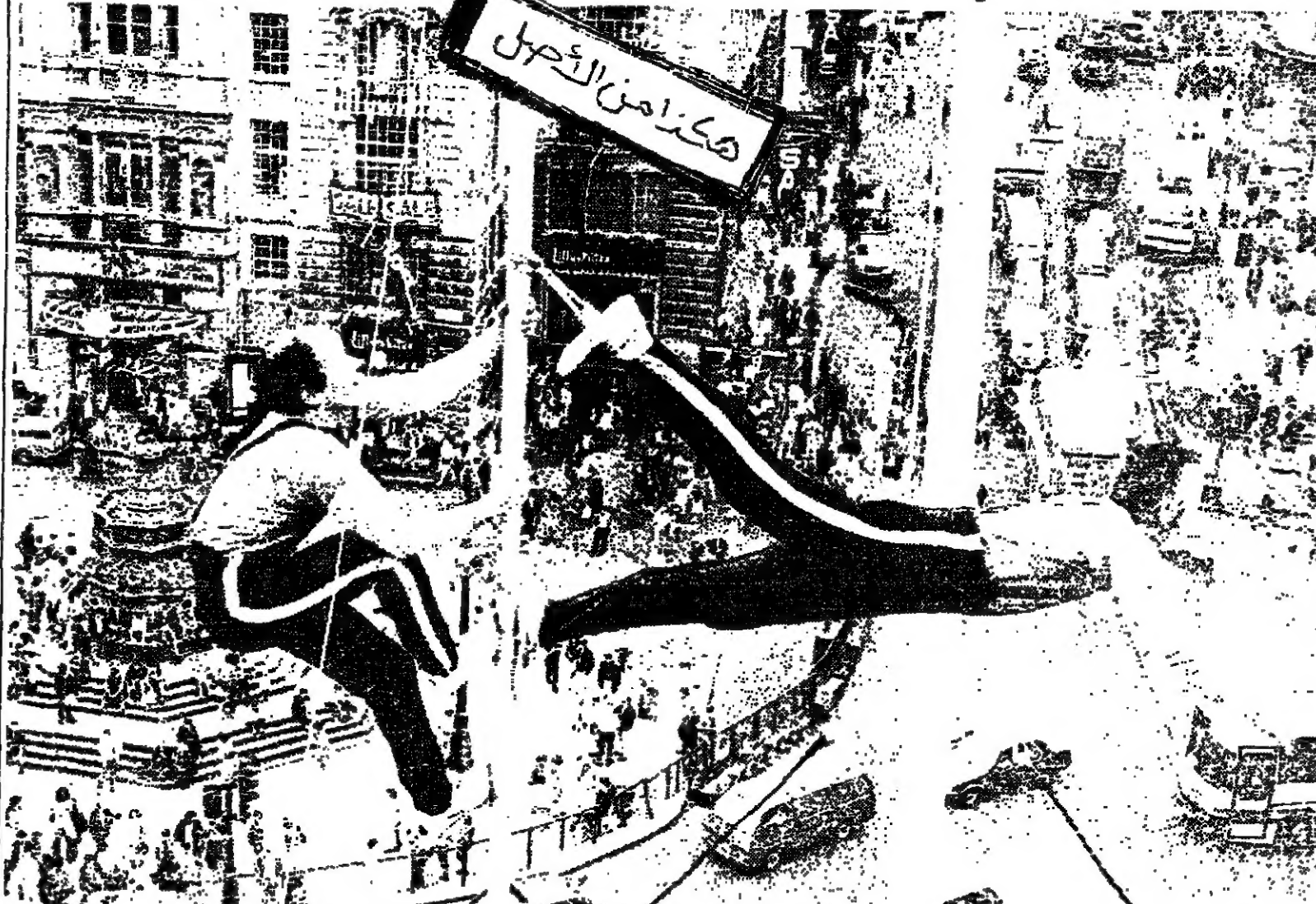
"There she played out roles for clients just as she had done for the *News of the World* in the taped telephone calls to Mr Archer. On those tapes she had proved herself a compulsive liar and an accomplished actress."

Echoing Mr Hill's phrase that Mr Archer had "lied and lied", Mr Alexander said that Miss Coghlan had "acted and acted and acted". The jury had to treat her evidence accordingly.

By contrast, he said: "It has never been suggested otherwise than that Mr Archer is a very happily married man with a strong family life. There is not a suggestion that Jeffrey Archer is a man who has had affairs or been with prostitutes before."

The case continues today.

Into pole position — the Piccadilly Circus act



Rivals for Eros: two members of Circus Oz running through their routine high above the London shoppers in Piccadilly Circus yesterday. The circus, from Australia, offers a mixture of traditional acrobatics, modern comedy and bizarre Antipodean acrobatics — including a kangaroo act and didgeridoos. It is in Britain until August 9, taking part in the London International Festival of Theatre which is now in full swing (Photograph: Deniz McNeelance).

Contempt warning on Opren campaign

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The campaign organizers who have taken up the fight for compensation by alleged victims of the anti-arthritis drug Opren were told in the High Court yesterday about the risks of contempt of court.

Mr Justice Hirst, who is hearing preliminary stages in the legal action between the 500 alleged victims of the drug and Eli Lilly, its manufacturers, said he felt bound to sound a note of caution.

He said that advertisements and open letters placed in *The Times* and in newspapers in the United States by the "Opren Action Committee", and "Citizen Action", who represent the claimants, were coming close to the line between "legitimate comment and illegitimate pressure".

In those advertisements and in press releases the groups refer to the "cynicism" of Eli Lilly and call on the company to pay compensation to the victims.

They say the company has ignored criticisms of its failure to settle in newspapers such as *The Times* and add that a campaign is mounting in Britain to force it to help the many elderly claimants it has refused to assist.

Yesterday the judge said: "The deep emotions engendered by the Opren cases are readily understandable. Moreover, as has been stressed by the Court of Appeal, it is strongly in the interests of all parties that a proper settlement should be reached."

He added that there was "no question whatsoever of any finding that those responsible for the advertisements and the press releases have been guilty of contempt".

He went on, however: "Since the passages I have quoted from the advertisements and the press releases might be thought to be not far from the dividing line between legitimate comment and illegitimate pressure, I thought it right to give this warning, in the hope that due restraint will be exercised in future."

The judge said he would consider at a later date, probably in September, what legal costs plaintiffs who accepted out-of-court settlements would have to meet.

He said the issue raised undoubtedly important questions. It was also important to know where they stood in relation to Mr Godfrey Bradman, the "fairly godparent" benefactor who has offered to provide funds for the legal fight.

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Worried social worker recovers in hospital

By David Cross

A Cleveland social worker was last night recovering in hospital from exposure after disappearing from home because of worries about an alleged child sex abuse case.

Mrs Kath Angouin, aged 37, who was due to give evidence this week to the High Court in Leeds in the Cleveland child abuse controversy, went missing on Sunday night leaving notes and an hour-long tape recorded message for her bosses.

Early yesterday she walked up to a policeman near the market town of Stokesley, North Yorkshire, three miles from where police had found her abandoned Austin Metro.

Mr Mike Bishop, director of Cleveland social services, said yesterday that Mrs Angouin's anxiety stemmed from the erasing of a video tape. It was "quite apparent from the notes that Mrs Angouin left that she was extremely upset and anxious about this particular aspect of a very complicated case".

In a statement which was worded in line with an instruction to the council from the clerk to Mr Justice Hollis, the judge in the Leeds High Court

hearing, Mr Bishop said he was delighted Mrs Angouin was now receiving care and attention. "I hope she will soon be fit enough to resume her duties as a social worker," he added.

He described her as a "competent, caring social worker. If she has made a mistake then clearly we will have to work that through with her. But I am aware that Mrs Angouin, like many other social workers, is dealing in matters that are deeply disturbing at a time of intense media activity."

"I wish to make it clear that the county council and senior management in the social services department will do all in their power to support staff in this very demanding and complex work," he said.

Mrs Angouin, who has a teenage daughter, was closely involved in the preparation of evidence for the hearing, in which two sets of parents are fighting for the return of their children from council care after independent medical advice that they had not been abused.

The case continued yesterday with further evidence in camera from Dr Marietta

Higgs, one of the Middlesbrough General Hospital paediatricians involved.

Mr Richard Holt, Conservative MP for Lambourgh, yesterday called for a ban on the video recording of interviews with children about alleged sexual abuse.

A full judicial inquiry into the row, to be headed by Mrs Justice Butler-Sloss, will begin in Cleveland on August 11, subject to a preliminary hearing a week earlier to consider applications for legal representation.

The hearing, parts of which will be open to the public, will investigate issues raised by the sharp rise in the number of children taken into care in the area since May 1.

According to the latest social services figures, 134 youngsters have been placed in care during this period, 89 of them for alleged sexual abuse. Many parents claim the children were taken from them unjustly and there has been widespread criticism of the way abuse has been diagnosed by Dr Higgs and a colleague at Middlesbrough General Hospital, Dr Geoffrey Wyatt.

Employee benefits

Growing trend towards profit sharing

By Michael Dynes

A significant increase in profit sharing and bonus schemes, together with a general drift towards 25 days a year basic holiday are the most prominent trends identified by the latest survey of employee benefits in Britain published today.

The report, compiled by Reward Regional Surveys, an independent organization monitoring pay and conditions in Britain, shows that nearly half of the companies which participated in the annual survey expected an increase in profit sharing, share option and productivity schemes in the near future.

The trend towards performance-related increases in pay and benefits has been stimulated by a variety of tax incentives introduced by the Conservatives since 1979.

Profit sharing schemes, designed to increase employee commitment, are widely seen as one of the most promising ways of improving industrial relations.

Although the average basic annual holiday entitlement was only 22 days in 1986, up

from 20 in 1981, the actual proportion of employees in managerial, clerical and manual grades now enjoying 25 days a year holiday entitlement appears to be increasing.

The survey also showed that while benefit packages for senior staff still tend to be more generous than those for lower staff, an increasing number of companies are working towards harmonizing benefits and conditions for all grades, reflecting companies' growing sensitivity towards charges of bias in the provision of benefits.

An increasing number of companies are providing private medical insurance, along with improved pension and retirement schemes in anticipation of the changes expected to take effect in January 1988, when employees will be able to choose more freely between private and company schemes, and take the scheme of their choice with them when they change employers.

Employers' Benefits 1987, Reward Regional Surveys (1 Mill Street, Stone, Staffordshire: £50).

Wife encouraged her husband's suicide bid

A woman's reaction to her husband's suicide threat was to pack a bag with whisky, lager and pills and take it to his office.

She left after refusing his request to be allowed a last kiss. When he later telephoned her to say he had not gone through with it, she told him: "I knew you had no guts."

The Court of Appeal ruled that the "grave" conduct of Mrs Diana Kye, a mother of four, in response to the suicide attempts of her 48-year-old husband Graham should be taken into account in assessing her divorce award.

Lord Justice Purchas said Mrs Kye's behaviour, coupled with her "wholly deceitful conduct" in relation to her lover, was of a "gross and obvious kind" which could not be ignored.

The court allowed an appeal by Mr Kye, of Catherine Road, Manchester, against the decision of Mr Justice Ewbank in the High Court in January to award £14,000 to Mrs Kye, aged 39, of Downham Crescent, Prestwich, Manchester.

The judges reduced the award to £5,000.

Campaign to halt rail vandalism

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

A school teacher in Hertfordshire led pupils across a railway line to reach a nature trail as though it were a road.

The incident was cited yesterday by British Transport Police, which is increasingly worried about trespass and vandalism on rail lines. Parents do not adequately appreciate the dangers, says the force and it has launched a campaign in part of British Rail's eastern region.

The Hertfordshire teacher was said to have stood in the middle of the track beckoning between 20 and 30 children as they crossed in crocodile file.

The annual report of the Chief Constable of British Transport Police says there were 4,016 reported incidents last year where the safety of passengers' lives had been endangered: 31,000 cases of trespass on railway property; 2,683 incidents of obstructing the track and 7,428 of throwing stones at trains.

Some of the worst areas for vandalism and trespass are between London and South-east in Essex where more than 6,432 criminal acts were reported in 1986.

Aids virus 'can be destroyed'

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

A discovery by two of the leading teams engaged in research into the Aids virus suggests that some people may be able to destroy the infection.

Scientists from the United States and France have isolated one type of white blood cell, or lymphocyte, which will kill those that become infected with HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus.

The scientists found the lymphocytes, which destroy virus-infected white blood cells, in the blood of individuals who had been diagnosed as HIV-positive. Some had developed the disease and others had not.

According to the research teams, the discovery could help in devising more effective treatments for Aids and in constructing a vaccine against the disease.

The findings, made independently at the Massachusetts General Hospital and the National Institutes of Health in the US and at the Pasteur Institute and two other Paris hospitals, are described in today's issue of *Nature*, the scientific journal.

Journalist's death was an accident

By Andrew Morgan

The Ramblers Association and the World Wildlife Fund added their support yesterday to calls for a halt to afforestation in the Flow Country of Caithness and Sutherland in the north of Scotland.

A report published today by the Nature Conservancy Council urges an end to tree planting in the area, which conservationists consider unique for its bird and plant life.

In a booklet commissioned by the Ramblers Association, Mr Steven Tompkins, a former professional forester, indicates planting techniques and tax concessions for private forestry firms.

He says that the Flow Country is being "sacrificed virtually unnoticed" to blanket afforestation driven by public subsidies and tax avoidance.

He says: "A fragile inheritance of wild land, the last great reserve of wildlife and semi-natural vegetation is being frittered away by massive and misguided subsidies from the public purse."

He estimates that the area under coniferous plantation in Scotland has increased by 750 square miles, or 500,000 acres, in the past 10 years.

Mr Simon Pepper, the Scottish conservation officer for the World Wildlife Fund, said: "Nobody is saying trees should not be planted in Scotland, but surely it is not beyond the wit of man to avoid planting them in areas like the Flow Country, which are cherished."

The development will be put today by the board in both Inverness and London.

His widow, Mrs Susan Watt told the inquest: "He had intended to stay until the next day working on a book. If the electricity failed at Lewknor he would have had to return otherwise he could not breathe."

Mr Watt's body was found in the late afternoon lying in the driveway of his home.

Dr Peter Millard, a consultant pathologist, said it was clear that he had been killed by electric shock.

Mr Cyril Purnell, of Weston Road, Lewknor, whose wife worked as a cleaner at Knapp Farm House, said Mr Watt telephoned him at 3.15 pm.

"He mentioned that the cable was down and that it would be dead because it came from the house where there was no power on."

The wire involved was a neutral conductor which had run in parallel with the live supply to the house; once broken it had become live itself.

The coroner recorded a verdict of accidental death.

Reform group condemns 'biased' sex penalties

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

The Howard League, the penal reform group, launched a campaign yesterday for men and women to be treated equally for sexual crimes with the same maximum penalties.

Mr Paul Sieghart, a barrister, said at a league seminar: "Women can be raped; men can't. It's perfectly legal to commit buggery with your consenting male friend, but if you do it with your consenting wife you could go to prison for life."

Dr Donald West, Emeritus Professor of Clinical Criminology at Cambridge University, said: "It would be ridiculous for the law to treat crimes like theft or burglary according to whether the victim or the perpetrator was male or female. I think it right and just and logical to abandon any such distinction in relation to sexual misconduct."

If a man appeared naked at a window as a woman passed by he might be found guilty of indecent exposure, but if their positions were reversed, he could be guilty of being a peeping Tom.

The fact that female sexual misconduct was relatively rare was no justification for treating it differently.

While women had more fear of being overpowered in confrontation with a man and were vulnerable to unwanted pregnancy, male victims could under certain circumstances also experience distress, the league maintained.

A survey in the United States had found that men as well as women complained of

sexual harassment at work, and a report of heterosexual violence related how a man had been tied naked to a bed in a motel room by several women. By threatening to cut his genitals they forced him to have intercourse with them one after another.

Dr West said that in a survey in this country of the recollections of young adult males sexual incidents involving very young boys and much older women were occasionally described.

Male homosexual misconduct was considered by some

people as much more blameworthy than heterosexual misconduct or lesbian misconduct. Thus 21 was the age of consent for male-male sexual contacts, 16 for male-female or female-female.

Likewise soliciting for males for homosexual contacts was treated differently from soliciting of males by females. The former was an imprisonable offence, even if no payment was involved, the latter was non-imprisonable and an offence only if the solicitation was for the purposes of prostitution.

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WORLD SUMMARY

EEC £700m for fusion reactor

Brussels — The EEC is to set aside nearly £700 million of its newly-agreed research and development programme to fund an experimental fusion nuclear reactor as a joint European project, under proposals put forward yesterday by the European Commission (Richard Owen writes).

No decision has been taken on where it would be sited. But the Commission's decision to go ahead with the "exciting and new" project — which needs approval by EEC ministers — follows several years of feasibility studies at the JET laboratories at Culham in Oxfordshire.

EEC experts said that fusion technology, based on the union of atomic nuclei rather than the traditional splitting of the atom, could provide "enormous quantities" of cheap, safe and practically pollution-free energy if the proposed EEC experiment proved successful.

Amnesty Nicaragua rebuked talks start

Nairobi (Reuters) — President Moi of Kenya yesterday described as malicious propaganda a report released by Amnesty International on Tuesday that human rights were being violated in the country.

Speaking at a rally in the north-eastern town of Wajir, he told the organization to leave his country alone and to "stop spreading premeditated and malicious propaganda about Kenya and instead pay attention to human rights violations in South Africa and other countries where people are suffering untold sufferings".

Kenya's Foreign Ministry defended the human rights record, and President Moi denied that anyone had been denied his basic rights.

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War on prostitutes

Moscow — The Soviet Union disclosed yesterday that it was introducing legislation to make prostitution a criminal offence after previously regarding it as a failing peculiar to capitalist societies (Mary Dejevsky writes).

According to the literary magazine, *Literaturnaya Gazeta*, the law is already in force in the Russian Republic and in time to be introduced in the other 14. In terms of the law, prostitutes will be liable from now on to fines of up to 100 roubles (£100) for a first offence and up to 200 roubles for further offences within a year.

Karachi curfew Marine on trial

Karachi — A curfew was imposed on parts of eastern Karachi yesterday after seven people — among them four policemen and a 10-year-old child — were killed and more than 30 seriously wounded in clashes between police and angry crowds (Zahid Hussain writes).

Nine people have been killed since the violence began on Sunday when two ethnic groups clashed after a bus accident that left two dead and several hurt. Rioters turned against the police when militants accused police of killing the victims. Two policemen were killed on Tuesday night, and a third was lynched by a mob yesterday.

Terrorist arrested

Munich — Police here have arrested a member of the French Action Directe terrorist group in a joint operation with French security, it was disclosed yesterday (John England writes). France and Germany agreed closer co-operation against European terrorism last April.

The man, aged 29, has not been named. Munich police are reported to be investigating whether he had contacted West Germany's Red Army Faction to plan a joint attack.

British submariners set record for ascent

Oslo (Reuters) — Two British submariners yesterday set a record for underwater ascent, rising 585 feet in 60 seconds from the submarine HMS Ous to the surface of a Norwegian fjord, a Royal Navy official said.

During the mock evacuation exercise the men, wearing waterproof survival suits, broke the previous record of just over 578 feet, also set by Britons.

The test was marred, however, when one of men developed the bends, an inherent danger when exiting a vessel at this depth.

"He was rushed to a decompression chamber on a Norwegian standby ship and is now out of danger," Commander Mike Sizeland said. The bends occur when a diver rises too quickly after a prolonged stay in the deep. The sudden pressure change forms nitrogen bubbles in the bloodstream, troubling the body.

The evacuation exercise, which involves gradually expelling air from one's lungs to compensate for the pressure change as one nears the surface, is training for crews to escape stricken submarines.

In its original report on the test, the submarine HMS Ous was reported to have set a record for underwater ascent, rising 585 feet in 60 seconds from the submarine HMS Ous to the surface of a Norwegian fjord, a Royal Navy official said.

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Tehran rejects UN ceasefire resolution

Nicosia (Reuters) — President Khamenei of Iran has said his country will never accept a UN Security Council resolution demanding a ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, Tehran Radio reported yesterday.

"We will pursue the war... until the elimination of the regime governing Iraq," the radio quoted Mr Khamenei as saying in a speech yesterday at Ardebil in north-east Iran. "Iran will never accept this resolution, which was elaborated under US pressure," he said.

Tehran Radio last night quoted Mr Ali Akbar Velayati, the Iranian Foreign Minister, as saying Mon-

day's resolution had positive points but was "not enough" because it did not name Iraq as the original aggressor. "If they even refrain from mentioning the name of Iraq as the aggressor then it means that they lack the courage to adopt a correct and just decision," Mr Velayati said.

The resolution deplores "the initiation and the continuation of the conflict", without saying who started the war in September 1979.

The resolution calls on Senior Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the UN Secretary-General, to "explore, in consultation with Iran and Iraq, the question of entrusting an impartial

body with inquiring into responsibility for the conflict".

Iran dates the war from the night of September 22-23, 1979, when Iraqi troops moved into Iran. Baghdad says the conflict started with border skirmishes engineered by Iran earlier that month.

● BAGHDAD: Iraq said yesterday that it was ready to implement the Security Council resolution if Tehran did likewise (Reuters reports).

An official spokesman, quoted by the Iraqi news agency, INA, said Iraq's commitment to the resolution was dependent on Iran's "frank and

documented acceptance" of it. He said Baghdad welcomed the resolution, approved unanimously on Monday, and was willing to co-operate with the UN Secretary-General and the Security Council in implementing it.

The spokesman was speaking after President Saddam Hussein chaired a joint meeting of the Revolutionary Command Council and the Baath Party's regional leadership.

He emphasized that Iraq's acceptance of the resolution was conditional on the response from Tehran.

Iran's readiness "to implement unconditionally, with good intentions and seriously, its commitments provided by the resolution is a basic matter for the reciprocal commitments on our side," he said.

● LONDON: Iran's charge d'affaires in Britain warned the United States yesterday that it was taking a risk by re-flagging and protecting two Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf. "We are strong and we are determined to face the American provocation," Mr Akhondzadeh Basti said on television. "This provocation by the Americans is a risky one. We are ready for any eventuality."

French agents question five Muslims about Paris attacks

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Five Lebanese Muslim extremists, including one who used to work in the Iranian Embassy in Paris, were being questioned here yesterday after being arrested by the French counter-intelligence service in connection with last year's terrorist bombing campaign in the capital.

One of them is said to have been in close contact with Mr Wahid Gerdji, the unofficial number two at the embassy, whose refusal to give himself up for questioning about his suspected involvement in the same terrorist attacks was — and still is — the immediate cause of the present crisis between France and Iran.

One of the five was later released, but the four others were still being held in police custody last night. As the five-day deadline originally set by France for the repatriation of the two countries' respective diplomats came to an end yesterday, there was still no sign of a shift in the entrenched positions on either side.

Paris is now preparing itself for a long haul, possibly lasting several weeks, if not months. Both the Iranian Embassy in Paris and the French Embassy in Tehran remained blockaded yesterday.

However, the French Foreign Ministry said that an agreement was "imminent" on the representation of France's interests in Tehran by Italy, and of Iran's interests in Paris by Pakistan after the severing of diplomatic relations last Friday.

Mr Said Rajahi Khorassani, the Iranian representative at the United Nations, said in a French television interview yesterday that Iran would allow all members of the French Embassy to leave Tehran if France allowed all members of the Iranian Embassy, including Mr Gerdji, to leave Paris.

However, France has repeatedly said that there is no question of Mr Gerdji leaving before he has been questioned by the examining magistrate heading the inquiry into the terrorist bombing.

It would then be up to the magistrate to decide whether he should be charged.

The crisis has increased fears for French shipping in the Gulf. On Tuesday, M. Ambroise Guellec, the French Minister for the Sea, said that two French oil tankers which were about to enter the Gulf would be provided with a naval escort despite his earlier general warning to French merchant vessels that they would not be given military protection and would enter the Gulf at their own risk.

Yesterday, however, the Ministry of Defence sought to "clarify" M. Guellec's comments by saying that the oil tankers would be "accompanying" and not "escorted" by French warships, thereby distinguishing the French position from that adopted by the US for Kuwaiti oil tankers entering the Gulf under American colours.

Latest reports indicate that only one French oil tanker, the *Athos*, is likely to enter the Gulf this week.

Officers object to London reflagging

By David Sapsted

British merchant navy officers yesterday warned Mr Thatcher not to allow Kuwaiti ships to reflag under the Red Ensign at a time when hundreds of United Kingdom officers were already risking their lives in the Gulf, many in foreign-registered vessels.

At the same time, fears over the threat to British lives also prompted the National Union of Seamen to warn that it would call for a boycott of all shipping beyond the Strait of Hormuz if there were any attacks by either Iran or Iraq on UK-registered ships.

The merchant officers' union, Numast, made its appeal to Mrs Thatcher after it was disclosed that Kuwait had already held tentative talks with Britain about reflagging some of its tankers. The Prime Minister made it clear that there would be no political objections to foreign ships reflagging.

Mr John Newman, the deputy general secretary of Numast, told Mrs Thatcher that allowing ships to reflag

would "clearly add to the risks already faced by British ships in this area because any concept of the Red Ensign's neutrality would be destroyed".

A spokesman for the National Union of Seamen said yesterday that all British seamen had a contractual right to opt out of going to the Gulf and that many had exercised this option, including some who were at sea when orders were changed and they were informed they would be sailing to the war zone.

● BONN: The West German Government is examining the possibility of meeting Washington's request for Naval support in the Gulf but has made no firm plans, according to a Defence Ministry spokesman yesterday (John England writes).

The Defence Ministry and the Foreign Ministry both pointed out that West Germany's Basic Law (Constitution) bars its naval vessels from war operations outside the Nato area.

Actors win Pride in America awards



President Reagan raising a smile from the actors Lou Gossett and Clint Eastwood in the White House rose garden this week after the two had won awards in the Take Pride in America campaign.

Zapu vote surprises Zimbabwe

From A Correspondent Harare

Mr Joshua Nkomo's opposition Zapu party yesterday made a dramatic gesture of reconciliation to Mr Robert Mugabe's Government in Zimbabwe, voting in Parliament for a six-month renewal of the state of emergency.

This was despite a recent ban imposed under the regulations on all Zapu meetings in Matabeland.

"Until the South African situation has been resolved one way or another, this calls on us all to rally to defend the mother country, without picking among ourselves," Mr Joseph Msika, told cheering members of Zapu (PF).

Relations between Zimbabwe's two surviving political parties recently plummeted after a breakdown in the protracted talks on unification and an upsurge of violence by dissidents in rural Matabeland and the Midlands, where Zapu draws its principal support.

Yesterday's vote-face by supporters of 70-year-old Mr Nkomo, who was in the chamber, resulted in an atmosphere of demonstrative bonhomie between the two rival parties, suggesting the elusive unity accord may still be attained.

Pro-government white MPs joined with Mr Mugabe's side to renew the emergency by 65 votes to eight.

The only opposition to the move came from the right-wing Conservative Alliance (formerly called the Rhodesian Front), which under the leadership of the former Prime Minister, Mr Ian Smith, first had the emergency proclaimed in November 1965. Many of Zimbabwe's present leaders were detained under it between 1965 and 1974.

Pacific faces Aids challenge

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

Delegates from countries with little or no experience of the Aids epidemic have been listening sombrely here over the past few days to a grim vision of the world four years hence, in which up to three million people have the illness.

A World Health Organization meeting of 25 Pacific and South-East Asian nations is taking place in a region which — aside from a few pockets, including Australia — has been relatively unscathed. And though the experts say there is no room for complacency, they also maintain that Aids can be beaten in this part of the world.

Dr Jonathan Mann, the director of the World Health Organization special programme on Aids, told delegates, including the health ministers of 10 nations: "We

have what it takes to stop Aids. We can dominate Aids, rather than let Aids dominate us. That is the challenge."

The countries at the conference represent an enormously varied cultural and racial mix — from South Pacific island groups, where religious beliefs are strong and intrusive drug abuse almost unknown, to oriental nations where taboos against homosexuality remain high.

According to statistics presented to the conference, large areas of the South Pacific, including Papua New Guinea and the island groups of Micronesia and Polynesia, have no known cases of the disease. But statistics are often unreliable. Only two cases have been reported to the World Health Organization by China. The six member states of the Association of South-

East Asian Nations, with a combined population of more than 275 million, had notified just 12 cases between them by the beginning of April.

Dr Mann reckoned that for every case reported there were up to 100 more.

Dr Tili Puloka from Tonga, said the main fear was of importing the disease. Tonga had one Aids victim, who contracted it in California. With many islanders living in Australia and New Zealand the incidence was bound to rise.

Australia has one of the highest per capita incidences of Aids in the world, and it is grimly ironic that the conference is being held in Sydney, a city widely regarded as second only to San Francisco as a homosexual capital. Dr Mann said that by 1991 there could be 5,000 cases.

Hawke boost for the right

From Our Own Correspondent, Sydney

The new Australian Cabinet announced yesterday by Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, is the outcome of gruelling negotiations between Labor Party factions and leaves the right wing clearly in the ascendancy.

The list contained no surprises. The announcement was preceded last week by a large shake-up of government departments.

In a restructured framework which is closer to the Westminster system, the 17 senior Cabinet posts have gone to individuals who have established themselves in the last two Hawke administrations. At the same time, Mr Hawke has used the 14 newly created junior ministries to trade with his left wing, and with state and special-interest lobbying groups. There are

nine new faces in this group. One man unhappy about the fictional trade-offs was Mr Barry Cohen, who claims he lost his Cabinet place because it was demanded by the right wing.

The Prime Minister maintains that the public service shake-up will save \$AUS96 million (£41.7 million) a year. But Mr John Howard, the Opposition leader, yesterday described the creation of three new ministerial posts as unwarranted expense.

Full Cabinet list: Prime Minister Bob Hawke, Deputy PM and Attorney-General Lionel Bowen, Special Minister of State Senator Susan Ryan, Industry, Technology, Commerce Senator John Button, Transport, Communications Senator Gareth Evans, Treasurer Paul Keating, Immigration, Local

Government, Ethnic Affairs Nick Young, Finance Senator Peter Walsh, Foreign Affairs and Trade Bill Hayden, Industrial Relations Ralph Willis, Employment, Education, Training John Dawkins, Defence Kim Beazley, Primary Industries and Energy John Keating, Social Security Brian Howe, Administrative Services Stewart West, Arts, Sport, Environment, Tourism, Territories John Brown, Community Services and Health Neal Blewett.

Junior ministers: Justice Senator Michael Tate, Consumer Affairs Peter Staples, Science Barry Jones, Land Transport Peter Duncan, Local Government Senator Margaret Reynolds, Trade Michael Duffy, Employment Clyde Holding, Resources Peter Morris, Home Affairs Senator Robert Ray, Environment Senator Graham Richardson, Veterans Ben Humphreys, Aboriginal Affairs Gerry Hand, Defence Ros Kelly.

Aftermath of civilian massacre in war-torn Mozambique

Pretoria denies aiding rebels

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

A spokesman for the Department of Foreign Affairs denied yesterday that South Africa was giving any assistance to the anti-government insurgents in Mozambique who are accused of massacring 380 civilians last Saturday.

The semi-official Mozambique news agency, AIM, claimed on Tuesday that the arms and ammunition used by the insurgents in the alleged massacre near Homoine, a town in the southern province of Inhambane, were dropped by parachute by the South African Air Force two months earlier.

In Lisbon, Mr Paulo Oliveira, a spokesman for the Mozambique National Resistance, as the rebel group calls itself, said yesterday that the killings were the work of a specially trained government unit and had been made to look like the result of an attack by insurgents.

In fresh claims yesterday, AIM said that "South African-backed MNR bandits" had shot pregnant women in the stomach and killed many patients and new-born babies in a local hospital. It added that they had also ransacked about a dozen buildings.

The agency quoted Mr Carvalho Neves, a former State Secretary for Labour, as saying after his return from the area that foreign technicians who helped bury the victims had been horrified by what they saw.

"They told me they had never seen anything as horrible as that," Mr Neves was quoted as saying. "They were particularly shocked by what they had seen at the hospital where, they said, the bandits killed everyone they found inside, stole all the medicine and kidnapped a nurse."

In its original report on

Tuesday, the agency said that "the South African Defence Force used five parachutes made in the United States of America to deliver war material for the bandits in the southern province of Inhambane". It said members of its staff had seen one of the parachutes at army headquarters in Maputo.

The agency quoted an unidentified source on the general staff of the Mozambique armed forces as saying that parachute drops of guns, mortars and ammunition were made on May 8 near Lake Chitipe in Inhambane Province, and that local peasants had been forced to act as porters.

There had been a "massive infiltration of MNR armed bandits in southern Mozambique in the last two months", AIM said, adding that "a huge number" had come directly from South Africa.

Killings likely to boost aid flow for Frelimo

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Correspondent

Despite the Marxist line of its Frelimo Government, Mozambique's plight has consistently commanded sympathy from the British public and practical support from Whitehall.

The massacre at Homoine is likely to reinforce that sentiment on both levels. A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We deplore this act of violence which will do nothing to help the situation in the region."

Aid agencies anticipated that money flooding into a disaster fund might flow even faster.

Britain trains many of Mozambique's army officers, helps pay for rebuilding its war-torn railways, contributes to its balance of payments deficit, assists development projects, and provides large amounts of disaster relief.

There is evidence that aid from Britain and other countries is proving effective in both military and humanitarian terms. With help from troops supplied by Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Malawi, the Mozambique Army has begun to take the upper hand in its war

with the Mozambique National Resistance (Renamo).

Renamo's disclaimer of responsibility for the massacre, and Pretoria's denials that it supports the guerrillas, will probably not cut much ice in Britain. The massacre is unlikely to affect the Government's remarkable affair with President Chissano and his Government.

The unexpected bond between a Conservative Government and a non-democratic, non-Commonwealth state began before his predecessor, President Machel, died in a plane crash last October. It was based partly on President Machel's growing pragmatism, partly on Britain's need to be seen supporting the frontline states, and partly on a belief that, for all its faults, the Maputo Government offered the best hope of reversing widespread suffering.

Nothing has happened to change that assessment, and the Government has steadily increased its aid. The number of British Army instructors training Mozambique officers has been stepped up from eight to 14, raising the number of those trained to 360 a year.

The training is carried out at Nyanga in northern Zimbabwe, and the Ministry of Defence said yesterday that there were no British forces in Mozambique itself. The Government has not been put off by the fact that Mozambique also accepts military training from Soviet bloc countries.

Mr Christopher Patten, the Minister for Overseas Development, was the last member of the Government to visit Maputo, in February. He announced an additional £5 million in aid to long-term capital projects. When President Chissano visited the Prime Minister in May she announced a further £15 million, to be spent on balance of payments support.

In June, Britain's commitment to emergency assistance was raised by £2 million to £13.88 million. These sums total £33.88 million and will all be spent by next April, except part of the £5 million long-term aid.

Britain has also contributed £35 million since 1981 to an international project to rebuild the three main railway lines linking Mozambique's ports with Zimbabwe and Malawi.

The aim is to make the frontline

states less dependent on South Africa's railways and ports, which at present carry a high proportion of their exports.

Appeals by British charities have had an encouraging response. Oxfam is spending £5 million over a 12-month period, and believes the results of international aid are already visible.

Mr Tony Vaux, Oxfam's Emergency Officer, returned last week from an assessment visit with encouraging news. He said that government forces had made significant progress in Zambezia province, previously the scene of heavy fighting, though the struggle continued in Niassa province.

Mr Mark Stockwood, a British Red Cross delegate who returned from Mozambique last week, reported that Inhambane province, where the massacre occurred, was already a focus of attention.

The major charities launched a joint appeal four weeks ago which has just topped £2 million. The address is Mozambique Appeal, Disasters Emergency Committee, PO Box 999, London EC2 2LD.

Russia helps Syria take a first small step into space

Moscow (Reuters) - Syria's first man in space and two Soviet cosmonauts speeded in a Soyuz spacecraft towards the Soviet Union's orbiting space station Mir yesterday at the start of a 10-day mission.

Lieutenant-Colonel Muhammad Faris, aged 36, an air force pilot from Aleppo, and cosmonauts Commander Alexander Viktorenko and Flight Engineer Alexander Alexandrov took off yesterday morning in their Soyuz TM 3 spacecraft from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia.

They are due to orbit the earth for two days before linking up with Mir, which has been manned since February 8 by two Soviet cosmonauts, Yuri Romanenko and Alexander Laveikin. It is planned to be the centre of the first

permanently operated space complex. The three-man crew is expected to carry out scientific experiments along with Mir's crew before returning to earth on July 31.

Tass said the Soyuz TM 3, one of a new generation of Soviet spacecraft which replaced the older Soyuz T series, was launched at 5.59 am (0159 GMT). Soviet television did not broadcast pictures of the take-off. Some launches and space manoeuvres have been shown live during the past two years, indicating Moscow's growing confidence in its space programme.

Commander Viktorenko, aged 40, said before the flight that it was "an historic mission, called upon to play a positive role in boosting friendship and cooperation

between the Soviet Union and Syria."

It is the Soviet Union's first joint space flight with Syria, Moscow's closest political ally in the Arab world, and a leading recipient of Soviet arms.

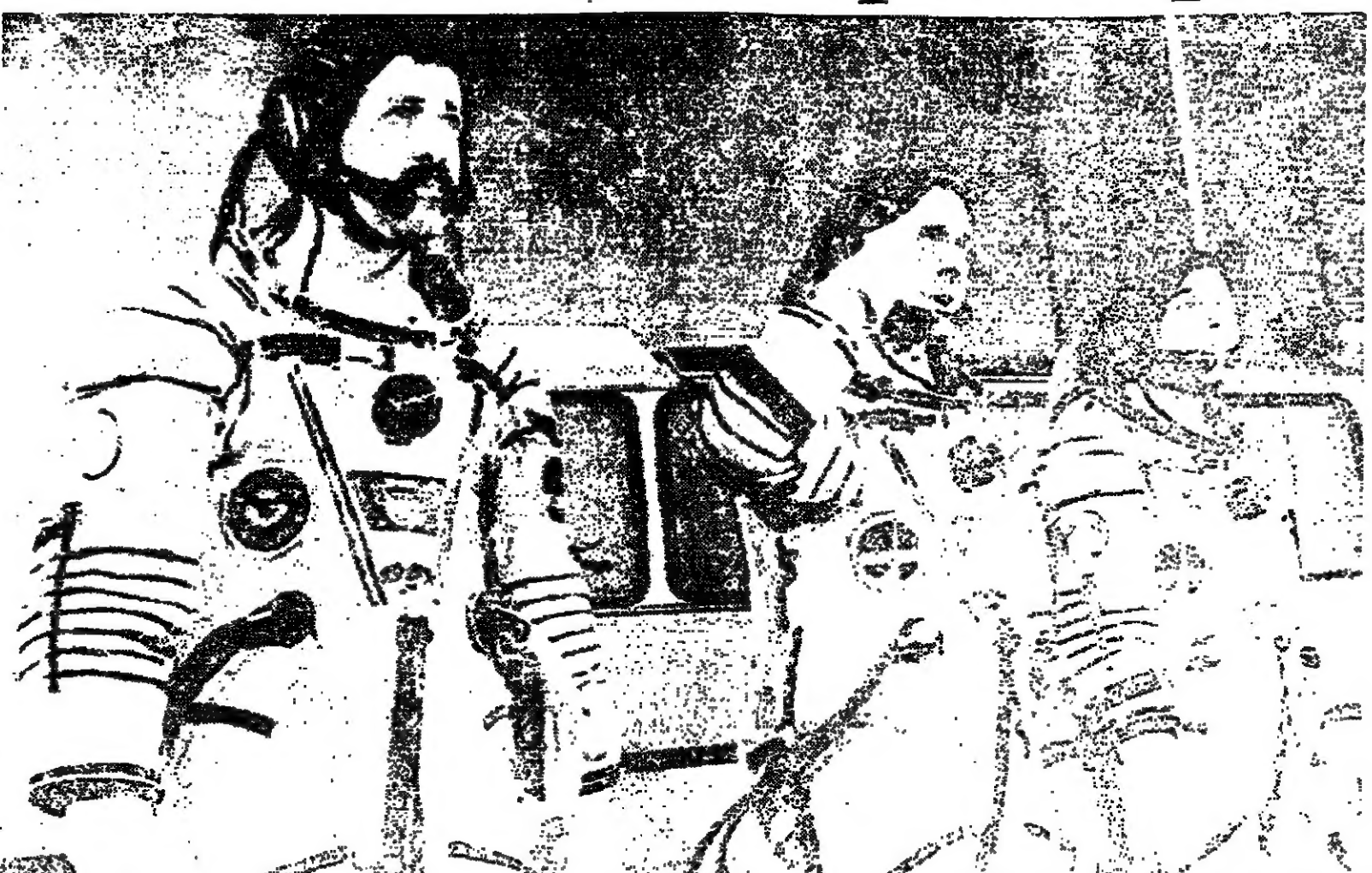
The Syrian Defence Minister, General Mustafa Tlass, who travelled to the Soviet Union to witness the launch, told Tass at Baikonur: "This flight without doubt has great economic importance for the development of Syria."

Colonel Faris, who spent almost two years in the Soviet Union training for the flight, is the second Arab spaceman. Prince Sultan bin Salman bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia, who took part in a US shuttle mission in 1985, was the first.

Colonel Faris, who is married with two children, took with him on the craft a sample of Syrian wheat, earth from Damascus and an ancient tablet found at Ugarit in north-west Syria.

The mission continues a Soviet tradition of offering manned space flight experience to foreign countries, usually its political allies.

DAMASCUS: Syrian newspapers hailed the launch as an historic event. Al-Thawra said it would "serve our national struggle, strengthen Syria's position and enhance its various potentials".



Lieutenant-Colonel Muhammad Faris (left) the first Syrian to make a space flight, reporting at the launch site in Baikonur, Soviet Central Asia, yesterday with his Russian colleagues, Commander Alexander Viktorenko and Flight Engineer Alexander Alexandrov, before being sent into orbit on Soyuz TM3.

High-flying chickens

Moscow (Reuters) - Scientists have designed incubators for hatching chicks in space so that cosmonauts can eat roast chicken during space flights, Tass said.

Each incubator has two chambers. In the first, eggs are placed for 20 days in an artificial gravitational field and a mechanism imitates the movements of a mother hen, constantly changing the eggs' position.

The eggs are transferred to the second chamber, where

they hatch in weightlessness. The chicks are then put in separate cells with rubber walls, which keep them in a fixed position.

The cell walls are made to contract by compressed air and thus massage the chicks' muscles to keep them from atrophying, Tass said.

The incubators and brooding chambers were successfully tested by students at Moscow's Aviation Institute, who found the adult hens "very tasty".

Aquino land reform under fire from union and owners

From Humphrey Hawksley, Manila

President Aquino of the Philippines yesterday used her executive powers to introduce a sweeping land reform programme, designed to improve the standard of living of millions of peasant farmers.

The measures were immediately condemned by farm workers' representatives as "pro-landlord", and the landlords themselves have threatened to take up arms to protect their estates from requisition.

Every Philippines government has pledged a land reform programme, but failed to implement it for the 70 per cent of Filipinos living in rural areas. Land reform is considered essential if communist insurgency is to be dealt with, and if Mrs Aquino is to maintain her mass support.

The President signed the order just five days before she has to surrender many of her presidential powers to the newly-elected Congress, which opens on Monday. She has effectively prevented Congress from putting forward its own, less drastic, measures and shown her own commitment to land reform. Under a five-year programme, landowners are to be offered what is termed as fair market value for their property. Peasant farmers will be given low interest credit to buy it.

At a news conference yesterday, Mrs Aquino said that her sugar estate in Central Luzon - the biggest in the country - may be one of the

first to be divided. She did, however, compromise on one important issue. The decision on how much landowners should be allowed to keep is being left to Congress. Earlier drafts of the executive order suggested that no one in the country should own more than seven hectares - about 15 acres.

"There is nothing to prevent Congress from excluding huge landed estates from land reform coverage," said a left-

wing farm workers' organization, the KMP, which said it planned demonstrations against the policy.

One estate owner in Central Luzon said that reform would "only worsen the conflict between landowners and farmers", and in turn feed the communist insurgency. Much of the backing for the communist New People's Army comes from disgruntled rural peasants, the very people Mrs Aquino wants to benefit from her reforms.

Earlier this week the Government began filing civil actions against Mr Marcos, his family and more than 40 of his associates. The Government is claiming \$10 billion (\$6.2 billion) and wants millions more in expenses and damages. Mr Marcos says he wants to return to Manila from his refuge in Hawaii to fight his case. But the Government says it would be too dangerous to allow him back.

Aid doubled: US military aid to the Philippines for 1987 has been doubled to \$100 million to help fight the communist insurgency and other armed threats, the US Embassy in Manila said yesterday (AFP reports). A spokesman said the extra money would be used to improve the mobility of the armed forces as part of efforts to defend democracy against threats to peace and order.



President Aquino giving details of her land reform programme to a news conference in Manila yesterday.

Middle East peace initiative

Egypt looks for an early conference

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Egypt is working for an international peace conference on the Middle East "as if it is convened tomorrow", Dr Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said yesterday at the end of a three-day visit to Israel.

At a farewell press briefing with Mr Shimon Peres, his Israeli opposite number, Dr Meguid said he was leaving with "cautious optimism" that the conference could be called this year. He added quickly: "I have also to be realistic."

The international conference Mr Peres and Dr Meguid want would involve all five permanent members of the UN Security Council as well as individual countries in the Middle East directly involved in the Palestinian problem, such as Jordan, Egypt, Syria and a representative of the Palestinians.

A main obstacle was the opposition of Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, to the conference. Mr Shamir had explained during a "useful and serious meeting" with Dr Meguid that he would only support a "mini conference" including Israel, Egypt, Jordan and the United States. Dr Meguid told him bluntly that Egypt could not see the Soviet Union, as a world power, excluded, especially as that would make it even more difficult for Syria to become involved.

Mr Peres, who has been fighting Mr Shamir's argument inside the Israeli Cabinet, explained his frustration at the news conference. He said there was now an occasion

to enlarge the peace process through the international conference to include Jordan and the Palestinians. Without mentioning Mr Shamir by name, he said: "Whoever does not see this opportunity is blind and whoever does not seize it is taking an unnecessary risk that the conflict will be extended dangerously."

Everyone wanted to see the Middle East developed economically and socially, he said, rather than developed by "the arms race, hostility and escalation of conflict. We are impatient to see this opportunity is not misused or overlooked."

Dr Meguid agreed. "Time is of the greatest importance," he said.

A second big obstacle centres on who should represent the Palestinians. Dr Meguid looked into this yesterday morning when he met a group of Palestinians with a wide range of political positions. Although it included noted moderates, it presented a joint statement urging Egypt to resume full relations with the Palestine Liberation Organization. Dr Meguid had already made it clear to his Israeli host that the Palestinians for the conference must be mandated, credible and accepted. He said that it was not Egypt's business or anyone else's to determine who these would be. It was up to the PLO, which, "whether you like it or not, represents the Palestinian people".

This is not a view which Mr Peres can support, unless there is a total change in the character of the PLO.

Madrid's Nato role examined

Madrid - Lord Carrington, Secretary-General of Nato, had talks in Madrid yesterday about the future contribution Spain will make to the alliance with Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Prime Minister (Richard Wigg writes). He also met the defence and foreign ministers.

"Discussions on how Spain fits into the Nato organization without being in the military structure are going rather well," Lord Carrington told reporters afterwards.

The Secretary-General, who is on a two-day official visit here, refused to take any reporters' questions on details of his talks, which also included East-West relations and disarmament.

Two rounds of talks have been held on what form Spanish participation in the alliance could take since this country agreed to stay in Nato in the referendum of March last year.

They are aimed at finding a way of overcoming the problem posed by Madrid's refusal to integrate any of its armed forces into the command structure of the alliance. No results of the talks have been revealed so far.



Lord Carrington: Sorting out Spain's future in Nato.

President refuses to prosecute Gandhi

From Gavin Bell, Delhi

President Singh of India yesterday rejected a petition to prosecute Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Prime Minister, in connection with corruption scandals, saying there was no prima facie case against him.

The President's decision ended speculation that he might fire a parting shot against Mr Gandhi's beleaguered Government before his five-year term of office expires next Saturday.

The petition had been submitted by Mr Rajinder Puri, leader of the opposition Ekta Party, over allegations of improper commissions in a contract for Swedish Bofors field guns, and in other defence deals.

In his ruling, the President said he had carefully assessed the material submitted to him "and has come to the conclusion that a prima facie case for prosecuting the Prime Minister has not been established."

Mr Puri said in a statement that the decision had "dealt a severe blow to the

credibility of the system". He added: "It is astonishing that the President's assessment has failed to perceive even a prima facie case against one who incontrovertibly was directly responsible for the Bofors deal in which bribes were given, of which he received information, and then misled Parliament."

Further heartening news for Mr Gandhi came yesterday from the working committee of his ruling Congress (I) party, which ratified the recent expulsion of four prominent dissidents. It said that the action against the Finance Minister, Mr V.P. Singh, Mr Arun Nehru, Mr Arif Mohammad Khan, and Mr V.C. Shukla was necessary "in the larger interest of the party".

Disarray in the Congress (I) party has spread from Delhi to the provinces, with the departure of three Cabinet ministers in Uttar Pradesh state after a row with Mr Vir Bahadur Singh, the Chief Minister.

The State Assembly adjourned in uproar on Tuesday as opposition members demanded to know whether the ministers had resigned or had been

dismissed, but no clarification was forthcoming.

Dissidents linked the conflict with the recent series of expulsions and resignations in the capital, and claimed that a majority of Congress (I) members of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly supported them, which would be sufficient to topple the State Government. This was disputed by the party high command, which dispatched a Minister of State from Delhi to assess the situation.

Informed opinion holds that supporters of Mr V.P. Singh are not planning an immediate showdown in the legislatures.

Statehood rejected: Mr Gandhi has turned down a demand for statehood for 900,000 Gurkhas in the Darjeeling hill district of West Bengal (Reuters reports).

A Government spokesman said Mr Gandhi met the Indian Gurkha leader, Mr Subhash Ghising, and members of his Gurkha National Liberation Front for the first time and told them there was "no question of the division of West Bengal or of a separate state".

man delegation from Rostock to end tomorrow with positive results. He said that Herr Honecker had told him during a recent visit to East Berlin that East Germany would do all it could to help develop friendly relations between the two cities.

Back in Bonn, the centre-right Government says that it welcomes the twinning wave because it can only improve contacts between ordinary Germans. But the official blessing is tempered with words of warning to well-meaning West German mayors about getting involved in East-West German politics that are above their heads.

Frau Dorothee Wilms, the Minister for Inner-German Relations, a Christian Demo-

crat, recently told them to watch out for East German "wordspunk" on such issues as peace, disarmament, co-existence and the like when it came to signing partnership contracts.

Herr Horst Waffenschmidt, the parliamentary state secretary in the Interior Ministry, and chairman of the conservative parties' association for communal politics, has advised town halls to give priority to youth and culture exchanges with the East Germans. They should also press for their visitors to East Germany to be billeted privately.

Hardly hands across the eggs and bacon, but possibly partnerships in passing the punteruck.



Mrs Patricia Schroeder: Is America man enough?

Curled up in a chair with her feet tucked under her, Mrs Patricia Schroeder admitted that the summer was going to be "frantic".

If the Colorado Representative can raise \$2 million (£1.25 million) by September, she will plunge into the gruelling race to become the first woman president of the United States. If she cannot, she will abandon the attempt without further ado.

Her exploratory campaign has already got off to a flying start. She received enthusiastic endorsement, and plenty of cash, from the National Organization of Women last weekend.

Her war chest already has \$450,000 in contributions and pledges, and she is on the brink of eligibility for matching federal funds.

Mrs Schroeder, a Democrat who has served in the House of Representatives for 14 years, is entering a crowded field.

There are already seven other declared Democratic contenders, and probably more to come. Why was this a good time for a woman to enter the race?

"Why not?" she asked. "When is a convenient time?"

She was not running as a woman but because she believed fresh policies and new ideas were essential to rescue the country from what she saw as a looming political and economic crisis.

"I have a reputation for

rising above the clutter and noise. The hardest thing in politics in America is to say something beyond the platitudes. I have absolutely no illusions that it is going to be fun," she said.

Inevitably, the novelty of a woman candidate will draw attention and comparisons. Mrs Schroeder was not daunted by the political destruction of Mrs Geraldine Ferraro: Walter Mondale, she insisted, was helped, not hindered by his running-mate.

Nor did she feel the need to demonstrate Thatcherite toughness.

Toughness had to be backed by experience. "President Reagan has been roaring like Rambo, acting like Bambi." But what the country respected was brains.

There is no doubt of Mrs Schroeder's formidable intelligence, attested by her Harvard degrees and legal training.

Behind the sensible, comforting, unstuffy femininity lies an ability and experience that is impatient of the mediocre and steely in determination.

Mrs Schroeder is a long-standing member of the House armed services committee; one of the few politicians who has read all the minutes of NATO meetings.

She is a resolute critic of the Strategic Defence Initiative - a brave move in Colorado, where SDI research brings in valuable contracts - because she regards it as a colossal waste of resources that should be tackling more urgent tasks - health research, especially AIDS, energy independence and the recycling of water and waste.

She is not going to campaign everywhere. Her husband, a lawyer, may take time off to help, but she does not expect him or their children to trail after her and smile 14 times a day.

At 46, quiet, soft-spoken but not without charisma, she concedes that President Reagan has made much of his role as head of state.

"There is no question that he has done well in his king role. I hope I do better in the prime minister role."

Is America ready to elect a woman to both roles? She replies with a cliché that betrays just a touch of impatience with the perpetual question: "I hope America is man enough, to back a woman."

Sanctuary (AFP) - The Chilean Socialist leader and former Vice President, Señor Clodomiro Almeyda, has been indicted for illegally entering the country from exile.

Mud victims

Annex (AFP) - The bodies of two more victims of the July 14 mudslide disaster in the French Alpine town of Le Grand Bornand have been recovered.

Drug deaths

Lima (Reuters) - Peruvian police killed 20 gunmen who attacked a remote Amazon outpost where police were mounting a sweep against Maoist rebels and drug traffickers, an Interior Ministry source said.

Browned off

Budapest (Reuters) - Up to 10 tonnes of suntan lotion wash into Lake Balaton daily as the population around central Europe's largest lake quingles to one million sunbathers on summer weekends. MTL, the Hungarian news agency, said.

100 feared killed in landslides and floods

Seoul (Reuters) - More than 100 people were feared killed in South Korea after two days of torrential rain caused floods and landslides which burst a river, levelled villages and derailed a train, state television said.

Up to 25 inches of rain fell in the region in a single day, a record for South Korea, and the report said the casualty toll was expected to rise because of serious flooding in many parts of the country.

Fraud claim

Singapore (Reuters) - Two Filipinos, an American and a Sudanese, have been remanded here on charges of possessing false bank drafts for \$5.7 billion (£3.6 billion).

Deaths inquiry

Sydney (Reuters) - An Australian inquiry commission of three Supreme Court judges is to investigate the growing number of cell deaths among Aboriginal prisoners.

Ten executed

Peking (Reuters) - Ten murderers and thieves were executed before a crowd of 18,000 at an indoor sports stadium here.

Border talks

Peking (Reuters) - China and the Soviet Union will start new border talks in Peking on August 7, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said.

Exile indicted

Santiago (AFP) - The Chilean Socialist leader and former Vice President, Señor Clodomiro Almeyda, has been indicted for illegally entering the country from exile.

SPECTRUM

The Senior Chief Inspector of Schools issued yet another controversial — and condemnatory — report this week

Taking the lid off schools

Eric Bolton received his first brickbat only months after being appointed Her Majesty's Senior Chief Inspector of Schools. Kenneth Masters, a headmaster from Kirkby, near Liverpool, wrote a furious letter to the education press which began: "I am stung to leap to the defence of my school", and ended: "so the bubble of my esteem for Her Majesty's Inspectors is burst irrevocably".

Masters complained that the inspectors' report of a recent visit to his school, St Kevin's Convent, was "unsympathetic in tone and misleading in content". They had written, for example, of "weeds and mud that constitute the school grounds". Masters replied: "On a site of some 10 acres there exists one area of 30 yards square that is as yet not tarmacked".

More seriously in the head's view, the best the inspectors could find to say about St Kevin's was that it had "some commendable features" — without mentioning that these included five open scholarships to Oxford, and that all pupils were taught classical studies, with the option of Latin up to A level. "Would that one could take HMI to court to restore one's good name," Masters added.

Such criticisms have been repeated with growing frequency in the four years since Bolton's appointment. Even Kenneth Baker, the Secretary of State for Education, who is constrained by the need to guard the inspectors' independence, has been heard to mutter that they seem so obsessed with leaking roofs and rotting window frames that their reports often read more like building inspectors' assessments than education documents.

However, it is from influential voices on the right that the real political attack has come. In January, for example, the Hillgate Group, which includes the Head Master of Eton and the Warden of St Antony's College, Oxford, published a manifesto entitled *Whose Schools?* It asserted that many of Britain's schools were in a state of crisis and that parents who relied on state education could no longer have confidence that their children would acquire "the learning and skills needed for membership of society".

The group laid much of the blame on the inspectorate, whom it accused of presiding over the development of a "false philosophy of education" allowing the "old educational values" to be replaced by relevance, reform and child-

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centred learning. It called for a full and independent survey of the inspectors, arguing that they were "as likely as any other section of the educational establishment to be subverted by bureaucratic self-interest and fashionable ideology".

Another attack came earlier this month in a powerfully argued pamphlet published by the Centre for Policy Studies, the think-tank founded 13 years ago by Margaret Thatcher and Sir Keith Joseph. In *English our English*, John Marenbon accused the HMI of being among the staunch proponents of a new orthodoxy which, he claimed, was responsible for the fact that "when children leave English schools today, few are able to speak and write English correctly; even fewer have a familiarity with the literary heritage of the language".

Marenbon went on to complain that the inspectors' advice on what should be taught, and how, was accepted as authoritative even by politicians whose own ideological convictions were the very opposite of those on which the new orthodoxy was founded. Ministers, he concluded, were being defeated "by an enemy they do not recognize, in a battle they do not know they are fighting".

It was a stirring challenge which soon found a response on the Conservative back-benches. There is now a growing clamour for reform of a self-perpetuating elite that has survived nearly 150 years of educational change and intermittent controversy.

Bolton's response to the clamour is generally philosophical, but occasionally pained. He believes that the criticism of the inspectorate, though understandable at a time of upheaval, is misplaced. The real problem, he argues, is the lack of a national consensus about the aims and methods of education. The point is strongly made in a report the HMI published last September after a visit to West Germany.

They found that the system's achievements were impressive: standards were higher, more pupils stayed on in education or training until 18, and the Germans were more successful than us at "providing young people with attainable

goals to work towards". The report went on: "Because there is understanding of, and broad agreement about, what education is seeking to achieve in respect of pupils' needs, parental aspirations, employers' general requirements and the nation's social and economic intentions, the standing of education, of its teachers and its institutions, is relatively high."

Bolton argues that our system, by contrast, has not set itself any agreed targets about what it wants to achieve. Instead, it has decided to let every blossom bloom. He says: "To be able to call the system to account, you have to be able to say that these broad standards ought to be achieved. But we haven't got any of the benchmarks that countries with national curricula have. It means that teachers are often criticized for not doing what they were never told they were supposed to do."

It is one reason why the HMI has been trying for more than 10 years to convince successive secretaries of state that Britain needs a national curriculum. With Baker they finally succeeded. Bolton says the inspectors are also in favour of setting attainment targets, although they worry about the difficulty of defining them and fear that they could depress standards rather than raise them. "The danger is that you set averages which become regarded as ceilings by the teachers, who then come to have expectations of bright and capable youngsters that are too low."

The HMI also has bitter experience of the controversy that setting targets provokes. Two years ago in a document entitled *English from 5 to 16* (apparently unnoticed by the Centre for Policy Studies) they set out suggested objectives for pupils at seven, 11 and 16. At seven, for example, they said children should be able to write legibly about personal experiences in prose and poetry, or simple stories of reasonable coherence, using full stops and capital letters appropriately. They said they should know the alphabet and be able to consult simple dictionaries, and have sufficient fluency and motivation to become engrossed in books. They should also be able to listen to simple instructions and carry them out accurately, speak sufficiently clearly and audibly to be understood and converse confidently in social situations.

But it was what the inspectors said 11-year-olds should know about language that really brought



the roof down. They said they should know the rules of spelling, the difference between vowels and consonants, the functions and names of the main parts of speech, be able to identify subject and object and be aware of differences between tenses.

The protests, mainly from teachers, were so intense (70 per cent of the 900 detailed responses to the document were hostile) that in another report a year later the inspectors suggested the time had come for a national inquiry to determine what teachers as well as pupils needed to know about their

own language. Baker duly appointed the Kingman committee, whose deliberations are continuing.

Bolton says: "The response to our document shows that we now have a highly educated generation in England, whether they be teachers or not, who actually know virtually nothing about how our language works. It has almost dropped out of our education process. It really can't be right to have a society that is incapable of being reflective about how language can move you to laughter or tears or move crowds of people to

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BIOGRAPHY

1936: Born in Wigan. Educated at Wigan Grammar School, Chester College of Education and Lancaster University.

1957-68: Taught English in Lancashire secondary and comprehensive schools.

1968-70: Lectured in English and education at Chorley Teacher Training College.

1970-73: Inspector of schools with the London borough of Croydon.

1973: Became a member of HM Inspectorate, working in the ILEA area and at the DES as a staff inspector.

1981-83: Chief Inspector of Schools, DES.

1983: Appointed Senior Chief Inspector of Schools at the DES, succeeding Sheila Browne.

do things that as individuals they would never do."

So how could the inspectors have allowed such a situation to develop? Are they not guilty of encouraging a light touch in the "old educational values", if only by failing to stop it? The answer seems to be that so long as there is no mechanism for imposing their views on schools and local education authorities, the inspectors can do little more than report what is happening.

Bolton treads a precarious tightrope. When Baker lost patience with Brent he sent in the HMI, clearly expecting forthright condemnation of the Labour-controlled borough's anti-racist antics. Instead, the report went out of its way to praise Brent's multicultural policies. If Baker was surprised, he should not have been. Mrs Thatcher was not.

Bolton had scarcely taken up his post when it became widely known in the education world that the Prime Minister had hesitated for weeks before approving his appointment. Against him, in her eyes, were his Labour Party sympathies and the fact that he had risen through the inspectorate's questionable ranks. But Sir Keith Joseph insisted: he valued Bolton's long commitment to combating the poor achievement of the bottom 40 per cent of pupils.

Such concern is perhaps not surprising in a man born in Wigan in the 1930s. After grammar school there, Bolton went to a teacher training college and then taught English in secondary schools in Lancashire until he was 33. After a short spell teaching teachers he became an inspector, eventually specializing in educational disadvantage, his particular interest was in the under-achievement of black and working-class children.

At 52, Bolton could have another eight years in one of the most influential jobs in education. He will hope that the Government's proposed reforms will allow him and his colleagues to tackle the job that they know needs to be done.

John Clare

Battle for the silver badge

The story behind

Doggett's race, our oldest annual sporting event, rowed tomorrow

At 11 o'clock tomorrow the oldest annually contested sporting event in the British calendar will start as usual from London Bridge. Doggett's Coat and Badge race covers a four-and-a-half mile course, rowed against the tide in single sculls, with the finishing post at Cadogan Pier, Chelsea.

Half a dozen young Thames watermen and lightermen compete each year for Doggett's prize, a plated silver badge pinned to a scarlet suit of livery.

What underpins this tradition? And who on earth was Doggett?

Thomas Doggett was the last of the great Restoration farceurs. Stubborn, restless and quarrelsome, he started his career with a travelling company before his first London stage appearance in 1691 as 'Nicompoop' in D'Urfly's *Love for Money*. He became known as 'the best face-player and gesticulator' of the stage, and was very popular.

He eventually became a theatre manager in partnership with actor-managers like Colley Cibber, who described Doggett in his memoirs as 'a litigious, awkward to work with and much inclined to political argument'.

It was Doggett's passionate support for the Whigs that made him decide to celebrate the Tory-hating George I's accession to the throne in 1714 by founding a river race to mark the happy day. He organized it every year until



Prize: the coat and badge

his death in 1721, and provided for its continuance in his will.

It is now organized by the Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Fishmongers, and many of the competitors are drawn from old Thames families. This year, for example, they include 21-year-old Christopher Spencer, whose brother was the race last year. Christopher has been coached by his father, Bernard, who came second in 1951, and his cousin Martin, who won in 1970.

Should Christopher win, he must wait until November for his prize, which he will receive at the Fishmongers' Hall to the strains of *Heil the Conquering Hero!*

Then he will be presented with his long scarlet frock coat and breeches and white stockings, plus the silver badge engraved with the white horse of Hanover and the word 'Liberty' — just as Doggett ordered.

Helen Simpson
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ACROSS
1 Act correctly (6)
2 Principal (6)
3 Musically quick (7)
4 Four penny coin (5)
10 Northern hill (4)
11 Blow up (7)
14 Sensible (4,3,5)
18 Ponder (7)
19 Longest river (4)
22 Unsteady flame (5)
24 Tyneside native (7)
25 Bear (6)
26 Bureau (6)

DOWN
1 Hechaw (4)
2 Share equally (5)
3 Unofficial guard (9)
5 Label (3)
6 Military policeman (7)
7 One or other (5)
8 Wordsworth's home (1991-1807) (4,7)
11 Craze (5)
12 Gregorian chant (9)
15 Without care (7)
16 Long-handled tilker (13)
17 Bit (6)
19 Heavy coat cloth (5)
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Calypsos for the community

Gloucestershire is playing host this summer to Cy Grant's message of racial harmony

Whatever happened to Cy Grant, whom those with long memories will remember as the calypso-singing star of the old *Tonight* programme?

Today the former actor-entertainer is director of Concord, a committee working to improve race relations by introducing the ethnic arts of the world to provincial cities, towns and villages of the British countryside. This year it is the turn of Gloucestershire, with five months of Concord — from April to August — woven through the county's summer of fairs and celebrations, including the Cheltenham International Festival of Music and this weekend's carnival at Gloucester.

Grant came from British Guiana (as it then was) after the Second World War to settle in Britain and qualify as a barrister. Instead of the law



All our yesterdays: Cy Grant (left) in the *Tonight* years, and today, a happier man

he opted for a career in acting, but television turned him in another direction. Then came a long gap during which circumstances changed his personality.

"I moved from this smiling, nice, friendly character to someone who, by 1974, was a very angry black man," he explained. "I was angry at the



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racism in this country, from everybody. I don't think that anybody had ever really admitted it.

"I became a kind of heavyweight in the black movement and set up Drum with John Maquodera." This showcase for Britain's black artists, writers and performers showed promise but there were ten-

sions and Grant decided to leave.

"Then in 1976 I did a platform performance of a poem called 'Return To My Native Land' by Aimé Césaire at the National Theatre. It gave me a real insight into how the West has colonized the minds of black people. But this piece — it moved from

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After Tebbit

As Norman Tebbit sets up his new private office at Smith Square, with first appointee Duncan Goudie-Scott as his personal assistant, party officials are speculating as to his successor as chairman. Those who are convinced that Tebbit will use the party conference in October to gain a rapturous ovation for his resignation, believe that Lord Young might step into his shoes. Although Tebbit has been charged with managing reorganization, the need for Thatcherite efficiency does not really fall on Central Office until two years before an election. Young, a problem-solver who enjoys the Prime Minister's confidence, is a prime candidate to run the party machine. The only problem is whether as chairman he would retain the top job at the trade department — regarded by many as a political graveyard after the tenure of Parkinson, Britton and Channon — but it is no secret that Kenneth Clarke, No 2 at the DTI, is anxious to step up.

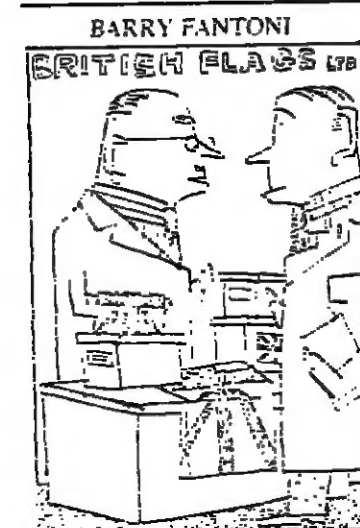
Brotherly brawl

Far from taking redundancy threats lying down, staff at Labour's HQ have begun a fight against them. To coincide with yesterday's NEC discussions on cuts, trade unionists at Walworth Road brought out a scabrous parody of the official Labour Party News which points to some paradoxes. National Graphical Association typesetters should be furious, it says, that Gordon Colling, chairman of the staff negotiations committee, is presiding over the proposed closure of Labour Weekly, New Socialist and Socialist Youth. Colling is an national officer of the NGA. Eddie Haigh, who holds the same post in the Transport and General Workers Union, is in equal difficulties. He chairs Labour's finance committee, co-architect of the current shake-up.

Oops. The Duke of Norfolk, guest of honour at a British Jews' Board of Deputies luncheon yesterday and a leading Roman Catholic, concluded his speech by urging fellow guests to support his wife's charity, Help the Hospices, by buying his Christmas cards.

Last split

More trouble in the dwindling ranks of British Communists, whose splits have left the impoverished Morning Star in the hands of unreconstructed Stalinists while the party veers towards Eurocommunism. One of the paper's most senior journalists, labour correspondent Mick Costello, who stayed with the publication through its split from the official party and weathered its financial crises, is leaving the sinking ship. It looks as if Costello has finally tired of the paper's hard-line stance. In any case, at 51 and after 30 years, Costello may have decided that his £7,400 salary is not compensation enough for all the ideological heart-searching.



Barry Fantoni

Mugging up

Scholarly stickler Enoch Powell may have regretted drawing attention to inaccuracies in Malcolm Muggeridge's books when he chaired a literary luncheon yesterday in the author's honour. Minutes later he had to correct himself after introducing a fellow diner as the Bishop of Durham. It was the Bishop of Durham.

Nothing sacred

While the National Secular Society is up in arms about "irreversible Christian symbols" at crematoria, the Roman Catholic chapel at Gatwick airport offers a fine degree of religious tolerance. The secular society's particular gripe is against Higher Green crematorium, south London, where atheists are charged £130 for the removal of a cross. At the airport, however, Father Michael Hill's interfaith extended recently to lending Muslim pilgrims, praying in the multi-denominational chapel, the jug he uses for Lourdes water for their purification, having first redirected them towards Mecca. "They were facing the wrong way, and as we used to have a prayer mat with a compass attached I was able to point them in the right direction," he told me. And why couldn't the Muslims avail themselves of the said mat? It had been swiped.

Perestroika versus Oblomov

by George Urban

Reforming the system from above in order to catch up with its rivals in the West has a long tradition in Russia. Arnold Toynbee saw it as the cause and defining characteristic of Russia's behaviour in the modern world.

Time and again Russia would make a mighty effort to draw level, but no sooner would technological modernization be within its grasp than the West would make yet another leap forward. Peter the Great was the first ruler to put Russia through a forced march to catch up with Western technology. Stalin the last. The US Strategic Defence Initiative is only the most recent in a long chain of technological challenges.

Gorbachev's attempt to reform the Soviet system fits in with this picture. So does Stalin's own *perestroika* of the 1930s, but whereas Stalin tried to eliminate Russian backwardness by show-trials and the knout, Gorbachev is trying to do so by persuasion and Western-style incentives.

It remains to be seen whether the kid-glove approach can be made to work in the specific conditions of Soviet Russia, or whether Gorbachev may end up using Stalinist methods to foist a measure of freedom and initiative on Soviet society. For, unlike the Tsars and Stalin before him, Gorbachev has to fight on two fronts, not one.

He has to overcome both the spirit of the gulags and the spirit of Oblomovism: he has to eliminate the climate of apathy.

sluggishness and corruption. In other words, he has to declare war on Soviet man, in whom these characteristics are spectacularly united.

It is just possible that Gorbachev will be reasonably successful in removing some, perhaps even much, of the ethos of Stalinism and the tradition of the gulags. No society, even the Russian, actually enjoys being ruled by the rod if there are other means available.

It is much harder to see how Gorbachev can defeat that torpor of the spirit, that lack of individual initiative and, above all, that streak of irresponsibility in public affairs that has set Russian civilization apart and held it back for centuries.

There is a good deal of scepticism and opposition to Gorbachev's new thinking among the Soviet people. More important, there is also opposition in the bureaucracy and especially the imperial civil service.

There is another and more tangible reason why *perestroika*, or restructuring, may not succeed, or succeed only partly and slowly. In post-war Britain socialism of a highly non-Soviet kind gained a modest foothold in institutions. It has, nevertheless, taken Mrs Thatcher's government eight years to begin to roll it back and encourage the revival of self-reliance, private initiative and responsibility. In the Soviet Union, no one, since

1928, has managed a private enterprise, handled convertible currency (except on the black market) or observed a capital market in action.

Three generations have been taught to despise the profit motive. Three generations have seen no management system other than the command economy, and no conception of economic good other than that accruing to the benefit of the state. I would be surprised if Gorbachev succeeded in rekindling the entrepreneurial ethos of capitalism.

Gorbachev's revolution cannot succeed, it seems to me, without Western co-operation, both passive and active. He wants us to take the military and technological pressure off his system and help him, in the longer term, to reshape his economy. We should not squarely reject his approaches.

We should rather tell him: "We agree with you that the world has shrunk and become interdependent. Our word for interdependence is linkage. We are going to help you if you can see your way clear to taking care of certain problems that concern us because they are a threat to world peace." We should then list at least three conditions: the rapid withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan; a new deal for Eastern Europe which would begin with the removal of troops and bases from Czechoslovakia and Hungary; and the cessation of Soviet inter-

ference in Central America. We could think of others, but these would do for a start.

Seeing that it is the Soviet Union that is in trouble and the West in a position to assist or not to assist, this linkage to the test. The current American-Soviet arms control negotiations do not contain a strong element of linkage outside the arms control area is a great weakness in our position.

At the same time, we should return Gorbachev's friendly noises of our own in terms of cultural and scientific co-operation, tourism, environmental co-ordination and the like. Neither the US nor any West European country can remain psychologically or politically indifferent to the spectacle of the world's most tyrannical system trying to find its way to a measure of freedom and democracy.

For one, cannot deny Mr Gorbachev a certain grudging admiration. He is a great player in a great game. Would we had people of his calibre at the head of certain Western chancelleries. He has taken on a difficult political culture, and a 19th-century system that needs to be dragged directly into the 21st. Will he fail? I think he probably will, but I marvel at the audacity of his challenge to Russian traditions and to the party that bred him.

The author was formerly director of Radio Free Europe. This is an edited version of a speech to the Centre for Policy Studies.

In our series on the Iran-Contra hearings, Gerald Kaufman, shadow defence secretary, finds Colonel North's righteousness celluloid-thin

An un-American hero



"A new American hero" was how Senator Daniel Inouye, chairman of the US Congressional joint investigating committee, dubbed Oliver North after his six-day testimony in Washington. If there was a certain wryness in Senator Inouye's appellation, that, in view of the content of North's testimony, is scarcely surprising.

After all, here was a man who admitted to the wrongful diversion of substantial amounts of money to provide his home with a private security system. Here was a man who admitted to the deliberate shredding of state documents to conceal them from proper scrutiny.

Here was a man from whose glib tongue a phrase like "plausible deniability" tripped easily, a man whose way with the truth would not go down well before most judges in most courts of law.

Asked on the first day of his testimony whether "others above you... were committing the President of the United States to a false story", North replied: "Yes, that's true." Asked, "Did you ever say to any of those people, 'You can't do that without asking the President'?", he confessed: "No, I did not." That admission is scarcely surprising since, by his own repeated confession, North himself is a hardened liar.

He was frank to the point of vainglorious about his own role in the covert operation which involved the sale of arms to Iran and the use of the proceeds, equally covertly, and with equally suspect legality, for arming the Contra terrorists seeking to subvert the lawful government of Nicaragua.

This latter part of the operation North lauded eagerly as "a neat idea". His espousal of this neat idea — apparently the brainchild of an Iranian go-between who may also have been an Israeli agent — displayed a curious approach to economics and finance.

North could not keep from chuckling at the "neatness" of helping the Contras with what he described repeatedly as "the Ayatollah's money".

Well, of course, the Ayatollah did pay for the arms. The arms, however, did not come out of

nowhere. They were either made and paid for by Americans, or else paid for by Israelis, who were certainly not involved in this affair for the same motives of boyish altruism that North liked to depict as his own guiding force. The money that went to the Contras was, in fact, stolen from the American people.

Of course, the colonel's motives were a good deal more complicated, and a good deal more bizarre, than emerges from the impression he sought to convey. The most embarrassing — and disturbing — aspect of his evidence was the naive and dangerous political thinking it displayed.

Here was a man whose analysis of the state of affairs in Central America led him to forecast "the construction of a Berlin-type wall along the Rio Grande", and who was only narrowly prevented from treating the committee and the nation to a slide display he has been carrying around America and which depicts Central America and other serious international problems in a most naive, not to say crackpot, way. Reading his testimony is like witnessing a rerun of the film *Dr Strangelove*.

All this was accompanied by a massive display of sanctimonious self-righteousness, artfully summoned up for the most dangerous of all causes — the accomplishment by a small and irresponsible group of a secret and idiosyncratic foreign policy because of dissatisfaction with the role of Congress in formulating its country's constitutional foreign policy. So North was ready to defend the setting-up of a new secret agency, an "off-the-shelf, self-sustaining, stand-clear entity", with no legal basis whatever, to take part in hazardous covert operations with the aid of a ship purchased out of funds obtained heaven knows where, but undoubtedly with no discernible lawful authority.

This kind of thing had to be done, North asserted repeatedly, because Congress would not do its job as he saw it. "Plain and simple, the Congress is to blame because of the fickle, vacillating, unpredictable, on-again off-again policy towards the Nicaraguan democratic resistance, the so-called Contras," he declared. "I didn't want to show Congress a single word on this whole thing."

So, arrogating to himself responsibilities belonging to the elected government of his country, North became a member of a secret, self-appointed, unaccountable "parallel government", not

only deliberately cutting out the machinery for informing the eight most senior congressional leaders who must be notified of covert action, but, if some of North's and Poindexter's evidence is to be credited, behind the back of the president himself.

If Reagan did know, then, of course, he shares the guilt. If he did not, then, as Representative Ed Jenkins of Georgia despairingly summed up: "Not a single official elected by the people of the United States of America had any knowledge about the use of the fund."

This was a plot against democracy, and the "new hero" was involved in it because this junior officer thought he knew better than the elected representatives of the people whom the US constitution entrusts with the government of his country. Yet, as he spoke day after day, he seemed pretty pleased with himself. In words which either embarrass or nauseate, according to taste, he sought to present a glowing picture of himself.

Some of his words were reminiscent of the trial of another national hero, half a century ago, brought to the screen in *The Court Martial of Billy Mitchell*. "I am going to walk from here with my head high and my shoulders straight," said North. "I saluted smartly and charged up the hill. That's what lieutenant-colonels are supposed to do." Others of his statements — accompanied by a good deal of sloop about his daughter — were more reminiscent of *High Noon*: "I'll be glad to meet Abu Nidal on equal terms anywhere in the world."

Perhaps not coincidentally, the leading roles in both films were played by the star who symbolized American heroism at its cleanest-cut: Gary Cooper. And it may be that North views himself as a clone of that great prototype. I see him as more appropriately modelled on another Hollywood performer, who never quite attained star status and was mostly cast in vaguely dissatisfying supporting roles: Ronald Reagan.

Concluded

Two big steps for the Channel tunnel

The Channel tunnel project stands on the verge of two of the most important events in its 150 years of transition from dream into reality. The Channel Tunnel Bill, which has completed its passage through Parliament, is expected to receive Royal Assent this week, and next Wednesday the British-French treaty is due to be ratified.

With this the project will cast off much of the uncertainty that has shrouded it. There will still be obstacles, chiefly the raising of a further £750 million of equity towards the end of the year, but things have been going more smoothly recently than seemed possible at the end of last year.

At that time the opponents of the tunnel were making all the running in terms of the public argument. Eurotunnel, the Anglo-French company promoting the project, had had to be set up from scratch in January 1986. Though things went smoothly in France, the British side seemed close to defeat, unable to persuade British

institutions to take up their share of a £206 million equity offer.

Earlier this year the outlook improved. Alistair Morton, appointed co-chairman in February, brought toughness in negotiations, flair in public argument and the ability to raise the morale of the organization. He may also have been lucky to have arrived when the tide was about to turn.

The select committees of the Commons and the Lords, which examined the bill in detail, and which had been prime targets for the opponents of the project, produced reports generally sympathetic to the tunnel. This paved the way for a relatively smooth passage through Parliament. The general election returned a government committed wholly to the project. The European Investment Bank, as expected, agreed to a £1,000 million loan.

After some tough bargaining this spring with the French and British railways, a revised agreement was reached on terms for

the use of the tunnel. British Rail has raised by about 15 per cent its estimate of the level of traffic, and having already committed itself to investing £400 million in facilities, it is considering a second phase of investment which may cost another £200 million or more.

The government has agreed that customs and immigration procedures may be carried out on trains, and provided their journeys begin or end north or west of London. BR had insisted on this concession, arguing that it was important in the exploitation of services to and from such cities as Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester or Birmingham, where the appeal would be reduced by a lengthy stop for customs clearance.

All these developments have proceeded roughly in accordance with a tight timetable, but it will be the end of the year before the preliminaries are complete. In about a month Eurotunnel and its financial advisers and bankers will

be seeking to syndicate the £5,000 million loan facility among up to 250 banks. BR and the French railways have yet to complete an agreement on the division of revenue from the tunnel trains.

The most critical feature of the public share offering of £750 million in November or December. Probably about £250-£300 million of this will be raised in France and Britain with the balance coming from Japan and elsewhere. Critics still doubt whether the return to potential investors will be appealing, given that it will be six years before the tunnel is open.

However, the project appears in better shape to secure public confidence than seemed likely six months ago, and by the end of the year Eurotunnel's contractors may begin to get down in earnest to the little task of boring out 7.5 million cubic metres of rock from under the Channel and its coasts.

Rodney Cowton

Ronald Butt

Justice frowns on a poll tax

The community charge, or poll tax, is the part of the government's local authority legislation on which political attention is most closely focused, but in terms of encouraging greater local government accountability it is not necessarily the most important.

For instance, local authorities will be obliged to operate a separate fund for housing expenditure and revenue. Their housing expenditure will have to be covered by their income from rents and from council house sales, with some central government subsidy. They will no longer be able to subsidize the rents of municipal housing from the rates in order to keep the rents artificially low. Council tenants will be able to contract out of local authority into private landlordship.

Then there is the abolition of the existing rate-support system under which, on the basis of abstract formulae incomprehensible to local taxpayers, the central government puts its grants for different areas up and down, and the ratepayers of some areas virtually subsidize those from others. This system will sensibly be replaced by a needs grant.

With the government also setting and distributing the business rate in future, the local authorities will be left with the stark responsibility for justifying the local taxation they impose (at present through rates) to cover the rest of what they spend. The ratepayers (or poll-tax payers) will thus have the necessary information to be able to hold the local authority clearly to account in the polling booth, and the poll tax, by falling on every adult, will in theory give them the incentive to do so.

Of all these changes it is the poll tax which will cause most trouble. Ministers seem genuinely unclear why. Rates, after all, are an unfair tax. Only about half the total electorate are even theoretically liable to pay them as property owners, and of the liable half, a third have all or part paid through social security. In some of the highest-spending local authorities, the great majority of local people pay no rates and have no incentive to call these councils to account at election time.

Some Conservatives would prefer rates to be replaced by a local income tax if that were feasible, which according to several inquiries it is not. But a local income tax is quite unacceptable in principle to the central Thatcherite ministerial cadre of the government. Quite apart from their conviction that leftist local authorities would use this to soak the better off, they believe (like Labour itself) that it would be intolerable to have 414 local authorities competing with the direct taxation of the Exchequer.

Hence the poll tax, a flat rate charge on all adults with an income above the social security benefit level. Those on maximum social security will be liable to pay a minimum 20 per cent of the local charge. But they will be able, more or less, to recoup this from social security, receiving 20 per cent of the average national community charge. The 80 per cent rebate will then be tapered off by the sort of means test now applied to supple-

mentary benefit, until the full poll tax is payable.

What is not yet decided is where the tapering off ends. The rebate will extend some way beyond supplementary benefit to those who now receive only housing benefit because they have a low earned income. But the further it goes the more the bureaucracy, and it is hardly practical, without massive bureaucratization, to extend it far up the earnings scale.

The essential case against the flat-rate poll tax is that it is seen as unfair because it bears no relationship to means, and thus breaches a generally accepted principle of direct taxation. It raises the question of why an earner on £8,000 should pay the same as an earner on £80,000. Even rates are some reflection of the ratepayer's means, in that they relate to the size of home he can afford.

Ministers' reaction to this is that as everyone gets the same services everyone should pay the same charge, as for other commodities. Local financial responsibility, they say, depends on giving local voters the incentive to call their authorities to account. Some see the protests as simply the envy of the poor and the guilt of the rich. I don't think so: it is a simple matter of equity. It is true that there is a limit to tax graduation. The urge to work harder is diminished if 70 per cent of extra income goes to the Exchequer, which is why the top rate has been reduced. But a tax on individuals as distinct from an indirect tax is seen in justice as requiring some relationship to means.

Ministers reply that what they intend is not so much a tax but a charge for local services. But what in logic is the difference between a tax and a charge? In what sense is the local tax element to pay for education a charge and not a tax; and in what sense is that part of education finance which comes from the Exchequer a tax and not a community charge? Is that part of the health service cost which is paid from direct taxation through the Exchequer a charge or a tax?

The same questions apply to a comparison of local funding for the police and the central funding of defence. To the extent that all these taxes/charges are not covered by indirect taxation, on what basis should some elements be paid for by a graduated and others by an ungraduated tax. And can taxation for services which some do not use (education, say) really be described as a charge?

If education, fire and the police were wholly removed from local to central funding (leaving their management local), local authority spending could be sufficiently reduced to make the flat-rate poll tax much less of a problem. But Mrs Thatcher has set her face against this for education. The government does not wish to jeopardize its 25p standard rate target and anyway it is faced by resistance from local Tory officials who believe that their power over finance is the stuff of local independence. If all graduation according to income or property value is ruled out, and the government presses on with its flat rate regardless, it can win the fight but is likely to lose a lot of goodwill in the process.

however... Paul Jennings

Life sentences commuted

Evening rush hour. Great Portland Street. Like its parallel, Tottenham Court Road and many another in central London, all the longer to walk if you have ever driven down it. Number wanted is at other end, after great blocks with no numbers at all. Compelled to wonder where everybody lives, where they are all going, why so many people going the other way from me. Up Gt P St?

Surely if they're going home, like everyone except actual owners of rag-trade businesses working all hours, forever loading macks of dresses into push estate cars double-parked, they should be walking, like me, towards Oxford Street Tube? If they live somewhere served by District or Met, do they really slog up while foot-hurting length of Gt P St every night to station at other end on line they could get to much more comfortably at Baker St via Bakerloo from Oxford St? What are all their names...?

Am reminded of two things: (a) marvellous Thurber cartoon with single-word caption *Destinations*, showing city crowd, elbows bent, leaning forwards, striding furiously in both directions past railings of cemetery with tombstones saying *Cur. JONES*, etc; all in attitudes recalling (b) T.S. Eliot's lines in *The Waste Land*: *Sigla, short and inquest, were exhaled*

And each man fixed his eyes before his feet

Suddenly realize that three burglar alarms are ringing, nobody even looks up. They probably ring every night, eyes-on-ground hurriers wouldn't notice if men with masks, striped jerseys, came backwards down ladders with sacks labelled SWAG on shoulders, or nervous youth, mouth twitching, drummed fingers on wheel of getaway car as man came out of broken-windowed Barclays with great boxes of money, covered by stocking-masked villain with sawn-off shotgun.

Then realize another alarm isn't

bell, but kind of very loud rock back. Well, it no good burglar alarm people sitting on laurels, thinking they have pierced the bell-indifference barrier with *that*, people still don't even look up. Surely this is elementary stuff. Dash it, electric bell was first thing learnt in School Certificate (leaving *linguistics* physics, can remember principle even now: current turns coil into magnet, it attracts spring affixed connected to bell-bonger, thereby breaking circuit so that coil stops being magnet, spring affix jumps back again, re-making circuit, on it goes only much faster. Surely, now we have left Faraday so far behind, they could be more sophisticated, unpredictable, advancing much further than this mere rock back. e.g. *Bowing Glow Standards (BGS)*.

Any intruder, passing electric eye, activates hydraulic ram with sensors which exactly locate his chit, deliver blow which computer calculates enough to knock him out but not warrant possible manslaughter charges.

Bowing Glow Extra (BGE). As above, but trusses him neatly (on same principle as farm baler) before he comes round.

Cur High Simulators (CHS). Huge revolving brushes descend, whole wall opens up, intruder feels himself carried towards menacing horizontal brush, intensive water spray, which can only stop by yelling into microphone, also dropped to him, with script to be read or no doubt by this time yelled "Help! Help! I am going to rob you but now I am going to be scrubbed or washed to death unless someone turns this thing off!" Only after police come does intruder realize it was *not* real water or brushes, just holograms.

Laughing Gas (LG). Intruder releases huge spray of nitrous oxide. Probably best for previously undetectable rush-hour robberies. Either intruder laughing hysterically staggering into Gt P St, or amplified sound of him — that might make them look up.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A SIGN NOT A KEY

Last night's disclosure by Mr Mikhail Gorbachev that the Russians are ready to accept a global "double-zero" deal on intermediate-range nuclear forces is very welcome news to the West. It brings a Geneva arms agreement closer — and at a time when the White House was fearing that progress was being deliberately stalled.

It does not, however, clear the way for an agreement — or even remove the biggest single obstacle in its path. What it does is to bolster Western hopes that despite the prevarication of recent weeks, Soviet interest in an agreement remains strong. It is a sign of encouragement rather than the key to unlock a door.

The double-zero option, based on an original proposal made by Washington, would eliminate both the longer range and shorter range nuclear missiles based in Europe on each side (although not the "battlefield" weapons like the US Lance and Russian Scud and Frog missiles or nuclear artillery). Earlier this year the superpowers came close to a treaty which was almost, though not quite, what Washington wanted. The Americans agreed that although both countries would withdraw all INF missiles from Europe, each would retain 100 of them elsewhere. The Soviets wanted to keep some in Asia — to which the Americans responded by saying they would keep their 100 in Alaska.

The Soviets in turn objected to this, on the grounds that such weapons in Alaska could still hit Soviet territory — and the basing of these weapons has remained one of the sticking points still argued about in Geneva. What Mr Gorbachev has now done is apparently to abandon his demand for the 100 "reserve" stock — thus resolving at a stroke the wrangling over where to base them.

It is also satisfactory to the Americans because it eliminates a complicated problem over verification. As such missiles are highly

mobile, it would be extremely hard for either superpower to be satisfied at any one time that the missiles were still being kept where the other side claimed.

As we have argued in the past, to retain a small number of missiles in Europe would be better, since this would bolster rather than diminish the sense of security in Western Europe. But the retention of 100 in Asia and Alaska has always looked an awkward compromise, which alarmed Western allies in the Far East and did little for anyone's peace of mind in Europe.

The argument over the 100 was not, however, the biggest one to settle. There remain others, like the American plans to convert cruise missiles withdrawn from Europe for use by US nuclear-powered submarines. The most obstinate remains that of the 72 Pershing-IAs in West Germany. The West German government insists that as these belong to Bonn they should form no part of the superpower treaty. The Russians point out that as they are arming an ally of the United States they should also be bargained away.

Progress on all these issues has been stalled in recent weeks, which has led to concern in the White House and in Whitehall about ultimate Russian intentions. The assumption has been that the Soviets have been playing for time which they see to be on their side — with the Americans approaching a presidential election year. It was in the light of this uncertainty that Mrs Thatcher announced after her Washington summit last weekend that she was writing to Mr Gorbachev to ask him to quicken the pace again.

It seems highly unlikely that the Russians have already responded to this intervention. But the fact that they have acted in this important area will reassure Western leaders who might have been worrying that they had lost interest in any deal at all.

VICTIMS OF AN AGE

The old people who were abused, assaulted, tormented, and perhaps consigned to a premature death, in Southwark Council's Nye Bevan Lodge old people's home conformed to the Shakespearean description of old age: "In second childishness, and mere oblivion...Sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything."

They were certainly sans everything. They were ending their lives with little money and no property. They were entirely at the mercy of the "care assistants" who had accepted the responsibility of looking after them, and who were paid to do so.

It is never good for one group of people to be entirely at the mercy of another. Such power always has the potential for misuse and exploitation. Civilized states have built all manner of safeguards to ensure that as few people as possible are placed in such a condition of dependency, or in such a position of power.

The very young are by their nature dependent on others. But they have their parents to look after them. In the modern world, an entire class of citizen has emerged who, also by their nature, are dependent on others: the very old.

In the past, the problem did not exist on such a scale because few people lived to be very old. Those who did were generally looked after by their children within the "extended family" (as it was not then called). Grandparents normally either lived with their children or a few doors away. It is the sad destiny of today's very old to have reached a great age in the era during which the extended family declined and all but disappeared.

People grow up and move away from their parents. Wives have careers of their own, and therefore cannot be expected permanently to look after aged parents — as they were expected to do in the past. This does not mean that younger people are not interested in the wellbeing of their aged parents. There is no evidence of such widespread, deliberate ne-

glect. It is simply that the pressures and mores of the age make it difficult, or impossible, for younger people to care for the very old all the time. So what is to be done?

Tax allowances could be considered, to enable more people to be able to afford to look after their parents. Local authorities should also be more flexible about allowing old people to move from council flats in one area to council flats in another, so as to be nearer their children — and thus to be visited by them more often. But many of the very old will always have to live in institutional homes.

When they are owned by local authorities, those homes must continually be inspected. In most of them nothing untoward will be found. The care of the old attracts some of the most dedicated of society's servants. But, where problems are clearly visible, inspectors who are employees of the public sector must not be inhibited from adverse criticism simply because the homes are also in the public sector. The same standards should apply to publicly-owned homes as to those privately-owned.

In the Nye Bevan Lodge case, the inquiry eventually set up by the council heard evidence that the NUPE care assistants were in a position to influence Labour councillors through the union, which had powers of political patronage in the area. If this is true, it adds weight to the view that parts of the Welfare State are too often run for the benefit of its employees rather than its consumers. This is all the more reason why the consumers — in this case the very old — should be given the chance to choose alternative care.

Since (happily) the number of very old will continue to increase, the comparatively young should be encouraged to save for that old age. At present, possession of a few thousand pounds in the bank means that the old are not eligible for council homes. That is a positive incentive not to save. It also increases the risk of delivering the old into the "care" of those who disgraced Nye Bevan lodge.

A STAIN ON THE NAME OF KENYA

The Kenyan government is accused in an Amnesty International report published yesterday of adopting a deliberate programme to silence or intimidate its opponents. According to the report hundreds of possible dissidents were arrested during a government crackdown which began in March, 1986. 10 have been held indefinitely without trial, while more than 75 were imprisoned after unfair trials rarely lasting more than 30 minutes.

Two have died in custody. Many more have been tortured. Most were accused of belonging to a clandestine left wing opposition group about which little is known. But many, says Amnesty, appear to have done no more than criticize the way the country is run.

By the standards of much of the rest of black Africa, this may be considered mild stuff. For example in Uganda or Ethiopia — both of which share borders with Kenya — the number of people detained or killed for political opposition during the last few years runs into thousands rather than hundreds.

But the Amnesty report causes concern precisely because Kenya has, since the mid-60s, been a special case. Both under Kenyatta until 1978, and under Moi during the early years of his rule, Kenya was a relatively free and easy society where people could express whatever opinions they chose. Both have run a stable pro-Western state which although dominated by a single party has been something less than a dictatorship.

In terms of its economy, too, Kenya has provided an exception to the general run of black Africa. While much of sub-Saharan Africa groans under vast debts, the Kenyan economy has grown and flourished. Its exports, primarily agricultural, increased by 22 per cent last year. It has been able to diversify outside its main cash crop, coffee, thus easing the effect of a sudden drop in the world price of

coffee as has happened this year. The problem of an exploding birth rate, although potentially disastrous in the long term, has not yet had a serious effect on the country's economic performance.

The result of this relative success story on both the political and economic levels is that Kenya has been the recipient of generous amounts of Western aid and business. Britain, for example, gives Kenya £35m of economic aid a year, the largest sum received by any African country. And it is in the context of this success that the Amnesty report worries Western governments, pinpointing as it does an increase in repression by President Moi's government and a decline in Kenya's previous good record on human rights.

Amnesty is not the first to criticize the Kenyan government. Politicians, clergymen, lawyers and others in Kenya have spoken out against the erosion of freedoms. Sometimes they have lost their jobs as a result.

Both the British and American governments have expressed concern to the Kenyan government during the past year about human rights abuses. President Moi's reaction has been encouraging. He has made a number of pronouncements supporting the rule of law, and in April announced that there would be a clean-up of the police. The day before the publication of the Amnesty report, a statement was issued to the effect that such excesses would be prevented in the future.

Whether this public determination to lift the cloud of repression gathering over Nairobi will be translated into effective action will not be clear for some months. But meanwhile President Moi's Western friends — for whom the country is strategically important — should use whatever influence they have to ensure that Kenya retains its reputation.

Response to US challenge in the air

From Professor Alan Day
Sir, Lord King's statements (feature, July 20) about the advantages which US airlines enjoy in European markets are seriously misleading. He states: "Although we may not compete in their home markets" US airlines are "free to enter the nationally fragmented European market". Flying for example from London to Frankfurt, Oslo and Brussels.

He fails to recall, firstly, that these rights given to US airlines are tightly circumscribed and limited to a very small number of routes; and secondly that British (and some other European) airlines received offsetting benefits from the United States in the relevant air services agreements.

These American rights in Europe date back to the end of the Second World War. In return for restricted American rights out of London, we British were given rights to a good many routes out of the USA, for example the West coast to Japan and Australia and from New York and Miami to many Latin American and Caribbean destinations. Some were "lost" by decolonisation. But the main reason for "losses" was British inability to exploit the rights profitably.

In the early 1970s, when I was Economic Adviser on Civil Aviation to the Board of Trade, I and others argued that the only good

Poll tax seen as threat to privacy

From Mr Brendon Sewill
Sir, The proposals for the community charge, and also the proposals that have been made recently for a national credit register, raise some important issues relating to privacy and personal freedom.

Under the community charge everyone, except those under 18 and a few exempt groups, will be required to register. Every citizen will have to declare where they live; for better or worse it will no longer be permissible to be "of no fixed address".

The new register will be considerably more accurate than the present electoral roll. As your excellent article (Spectrum, July 13) pointed out, the information will be open to public inspection and available to Government departments. A computer record of where everyone lives, when combined with the now nearly completed computerisation of the National Insurance and Inland Revenue and with computerised vehicle registration records, will be a powerful tool in the hands of the police and the authorities.

In addition, the proposal that a national credit register should be established to record how much each citizen has borrowed has received support from Government ministers, from the Governor of the Bank of England and from the Director of Fair Trading. The national credit register would presumably be based on the community charge register, in the same way as the present less comprehensive credit reference services are based on the electoral roll.

To fulfill its purpose of preventing people getting into serious debt, the credit register would ultimately need to include details of income and assets as well as

borrowing, and would need to be on-line to record immediately changes in borrowing, for example through the use of credit cards or the issue of additional credit facilities. The information it contained would need to be available to any bank, building society, shop or car salesman who might envisage lending money to the citizen in question.

Thus we appear to be moving towards a centralised file on each citizen, held on a series of interlocking computer systems, with limitations on access to certain types of information such as that held by the Inland Revenue but with other information widely available.

Such a system would have obvious advantages both for the public and for the authorities, but I wonder whether the dangers of infringement of personal privacy, especially in regard to the proposed credit register, have been fully weighed.

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ON THIS DAY

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Dame Ellen Terry (1847-1928) came of a family of actors and her sister, Kate, was the grandmother of Sir John Gielgud. Her "great partner in art" was Henry Irving, who became manager of the Lyceum Theatre in 1878 and engaged her as leading lady.

Ellen Terry.

If computation or comparison were possible it might well be found that no actress was ever so beloved by her public as ELLEN TERRY. Passionately as her two greatest contemporaries, BERNHARDT and DUSE, were admired, they did not rouse, in their own countries or abroad, the affection which like a spiced gale of Arabia followed ELLEN TERRY over her long voyage. And it seems unlikely that any of the famous actresses of the past — LEONORE, WOFFINGTON, CLAIRON, CLIVE, RA-CHÉL — can have brought to the lips of their admirers just that smile of pleasure, of respectful amusement, of almost tender gladness, with which the sight of the thought of ELLEN TERRY never failed to light the faces of those who knew her quality. The cause of her peculiar fame can only be stated in paradox. She was an actress and yet she was not an actress. She was much more than an actress. By her art alone she won to eminence and popularity. Beyond an eagerness for female suffrage, she showed no interest in public affairs; she took no opportunities of self-recommendation through any public form of philanthropy. First and last she was an actress and proud of it. Yet if she had been only an actress, she would not have been so accomplished and as secure as some of her already all but forgotten contemporaries, people would never of recent years have craned their necks to get a glimpse, in stalls or boxes, of an old and restless lady, rather heavily muffled and wearing big tinted spectacles; her jubilee and her Grand Cross of the British Empire would not have been occasions for heartfelt rejoicing; and it would not now seem so lamentable that the calm of death has at last emptied her gallant sails, and "dust hath cloed Ellen's eye."

For her power as actress we must look through her swift and subtle perceptions of fun and pity and truth to the quality which was the making of her great partner in art. It is often called personality, but vitality would be as good a name. In him it was dominating, sardonic, not a little terrifying. In her it was an enchanting womanhood. The weaker side of it was that innocent and childlike wilfulness which was the source of some unconventional, yet her life and of some uncertainty in her acting. The strong side of it was the personal quality which made her the ideal impersonator of the heroines of SHAKESPEARE'S comedies — wise, gallant, humorous women like herself. It is true that in all her best years she was the by no means servile but always loyal and devoted helpmeet of a man whose plans restricted her scope of parts; but what better could she have than the parts she played at the Lyceum? She was nearest to perfection in Portia and in Beatrice — those Meredithian (as we might call them) great ladies of wit and womanliness. Yet it may be that her sure claim to the greatness which is so rare in acting lay in her power of saying the simple things — Cordelia's "No cause, no cause"; Imogen's "I am sick still — heart sick"; and this of Hermione to Leontes —

Adieu, my lord:
I never wish'd to see you sorry;
now I wish I shall.
Beyond the beauty of her face, her hair, her movements and all the entrancing airs and graces of her indefeasible youth lay the profoundest beauty of a nature that could comprehend and share the deepest, simplest feeling. In this she was more than mere actress; and because of this she seemed not so much to impersonate as to be the women whom SHAKESPEARE drew.

Respect for Scotland

From Dr Hugh Roberts
Sir, In opposing Scottish devolution, Enoch Powell argues that "the establishment of a Scottish parliament is tantamount to the dissolution of the Union" (feature, July 8). Yet the Official Unionist Party, to which he belongs, supports the restoration of devolved government to Northern Ireland.

The OUP has refused to argue for legislative integration with Great Britain and is bitterly opposed to electoral integration, that is, the proposal that the British political parties should accept members and contest elections in Northern Ireland. Mr Robert McCartney, QC, was expelled from the OUP in May for championing this proposal, which is supported by 62 per cent of the Northern Ireland electorate according to the recent Coopers & Lybrand opinion poll.

Instead of supporting his fellow "integrationist" McCartney, Mr

Powell played a leading role in the campaign against him within the OUP and in the extraordinary all-party campaign to prevent his election on June 11 in North Down where McCartney, standing as an independent "Real Unionist", came close to capturing the seat despite the unholy alliance against him.

Can Mr Powell reconcile his opposition to legislative devolution for Scotland with his continued membership of the devolutionist OUP and his own record of active hostility to electoral integration for Northern Ireland? Or will he now look for a seat in Scotland, as a Scottish Unionist, having ceased in principle as well as in practice to be an Ulster Unionist?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH ROBERTS,
University of East Anglia,
School of Development Studies,
Norwich, Norfolk.
July 9.

Royalty and Russia

From Mr Adam Bailie
Sir, The Queen's tour of China is surely not a precedent for a State visit to the USSR (John Grigg, July 18). The People's Republic of China has never officially been considered a political enemy of Great Britain, whose government was among the first to recognise Mao Tse-tung's regime after the communists assumed power in 1949.

But as Mr Grigg argues in favour of the "cathartic effect" a British royal visit would have on the "normalisation of the Soviet state", we should remember some of the effects of the Queen's 1986 China tour.

That confirmed the belief of very many people in Hong Kong that Britain was apathetic about the future fate of Hong Kong under Chinese communist sovereignty and that Britain too readily ignored the reality of China's glasnost, which spelled

great hopes for trade but has not in effect lessened Chinese communism's antipathies to Western democratic ideals espoused by Hong Kong Chinese or led to any improvement in China's human rights record.

Yours faithfully,
ADAM BAILIE,
43 Pemberton Gardens, N19.

Puzzling it out

From Mr David Vince
Sir, I was horrified to read that Mr Ward (July 16) uses dictionaries *et al* in solving the crossword, since I was brought up to believe that "looking up" was at best an admission of defeat and, at worst, downright cheating.

Surely the whole purpose of education is to enable one to complete *The Times* crossword unaided? Yours etc,
D. VINCE,
Cottage 82, Lock 76,
Cassibury Park,
Watford, Hertfordshire.

Elements harnessed

From Mr H. J. W. Smith
Sir, You invite entrepreneurs (Fourth Leader, July 18) to come forward and produce tinned English air for export for the comfort of expatriates.

I bought in Scotland over 20 years ago and still possess a tin of "Scottish Country Air" complete with instructions on the label as to how it should be inhaled after a brisk walk before breakfast so as to stimulate the appetite, increase the vitality, soothe frayed nerves and ensure restful sleep.

Yours faithfully,
H. J. W. SMITH,
1 North Grove Way,
Wetherby, West Yorkshire,
July 18.

From Mr Geoffrey G. Corder
Sir, Your suggestion is far too late. Twenty years ago, in a George Street, Edinburgh novelty shop, I bought a tin of pure Highland air which the tannin label announced had tonic properties of the highest order.

I sent it to a Scots office colleague who was recovering from an illness in a London hospital. He was dead in a week... Yours sincerely,
GEOFFREY G. CORDER,
Oakure Cottage,
Claypit Lane,
Westhampton,
Chichester, West Sussex.

Service in Sudan

From Mr Graham F. Thomas
Sir, I have no wish to underestimate the distinguished contribution made by Mr Jack Mavrogdatis to legal affairs in the Sudan (obituary, June 16), but Mr R. O. Collins in his tribute to him (July 6) is incorrect in stating that he was also "the architect of the legal structure of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan".

That honour must go to Mr E. Bonham-Carter (later Sir Edgar) who in 1899, with only one clerk to assist him, set about building a legal and judicial system.

Sexist O levels

From Professor A. J. Pointon
Sir, It is unfortunate that your report by John Clare (June 27) on the sexist nature of O levels was not overstating the case. Asked to lecture last year on a Wise (Women in Science and Engineering) seminar on the subject, "What is science?", I put up a viewpoint with the heading, "What does a scientist do?"

When I revealed my answers to the form "She identifies problems", "She seeks relevant information", etc — it is no exaggeration to say that my class of around 40 sixth-form girls "fell about".

To me, with the advantage of working in a physics department where 25 per cent of the staff are female, it was natural to think, in that context, of a scientist as "she". My young audience protested, somewhat breathlessly, that they had never heard of a scientist being female before.

With such an attitude, perhaps we should declare women scientists an endangered species. Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY POINTON,
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Portsmouth,
Hampshire.

Sudan code of criminal procedure, both based on the Indian codes. These were promulgated in 1902 and were operating effectively by the time of World War I.

Whose baby?

From Mr P. J. Barlow
Sir, Garter and his distinguished colleagues (July 17) should try to take their jobs a little less seriously. There is an element of wishful thinking in all pedigrees derived through the male line, and it seems doubtful whether the legislation the Kings of Arms complain of will make much difference in practice to this fact of nature.

It's a wise child that knows its own father. Yours etc,
P. J. BARLOW,
Annandale,
Minard, Argyll,
July 17.

From Dr William C. Crozier
Sir, The dismay of genealogical researchers would seem to be a poor reason for the disclosure of the donor's name on a birth certificate in cases where artificial insemination has been resorted to. Usually both the recipient and her husband are unaware of the identity of the donor.

If they can accept this anonymity, then so should the College of Arms. Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM C. CROZIER,
Department of Anaesthetics,
Plymouth General Hospital,
Plymouth, Devon.

Coming unstuck

From Mr M. A. Wyldbore-Smith
Sir, As surveyors responsible for the management of a number of buildings, we are faced with the increasing irritation of "fly" posters pasted over any handy vertical surface and promoting anything from heavy metal concerts to quasi-political meetings.

At last we have found an effective cure. You simply paste a large "cancelled" notice across them and tell the organiser of the event what you have done. Quite suddenly, you find that your site is poster-free.

Yours faithfully,
M. A. WYLDBORE-SMITH,
Cheshire Gibson
(Chartered Surveyors),
63 Temple Row,
Birmingham, West Midlands.

Castled crime

Just another day on the Costa del Sol. A convoy of Mercedes and Ferraris transport a clutch of British guests to a wedding reception. That night there is a fireworks display which relays the message "Romnie and Sue" beneath a flaming heart. "Not a penny spared", commented television's hit-man Roger Cook in *The Cook Report* (ITV) as he loitered like the Black Fairy outside these festivities. "Twenty thousand pounds on food and drink alone", he continued, warming

TELEVISION

to his theme. The occasion in question was the wedding of Sue and Romnie Knight, who fled England after Knight's role in the 1983 £7 million gold bullion robbery. The couple joined the blooming community that lead an extradition-free existence on a Spanish strip of land now nicknamed the Costa del Crime.

The Cook team produced a marvellous sketch of fugitive lifestyles on this property developer's dream, although the script at times sounded like a publicity hand-out. There were barbecues, swimming pools, yachts and electronic gates for everybody, with no one overly concerned about the provenance of the cash to pay for these. The likes of Freddie Freeman, Clifford Saxe, John Mason and Alan Brooks have been able to enter Spain as ordinary tourists and are now allowed to live there undisturbed. The only blot on this apparent stopover to paradise was the bawdy presence of Roger Cook.

Cook showed himself to be a man with a mission. Not just content to reveal how the crooked half live, he was there to provoke them into physical attack. Although this demonstrated a doorstepping technique that must be the envy of many of our finest tabloid reporters, his persistence did not ultimately pay.

The battering he got from fists, beer-glasses and that trusty British weapon, the umbrella, only produced repulsive details, while the more interesting observations of the programme emerged from violence-free interviews with the various authorities and fringe members of this community.

Alexandra Shulman

Songs without an end

THEATRE

Follies
Shaftesbury

Achieving esteem, if not profit, on Broadway 16 years ago, Stephen Sondheim's musical now reaches the West End — cast, designed and, above all, dressed to make its belated big killing. If success depended solely on that and the music, its fate would not be in doubt.

Two meanings are contained in the title, which evokes the age of Ziegfeld and the derangement of spectators who fell for members of his troupe. To these a third folly may be added: that of believing, after some 20 rewrites for the original show, that it would be possible to patch up the book for London.

Against the background of a 30-year reunion party for the Weissmann girls, the show focuses on two couples who briefly recapture their dreams and rivalries after trudging through the intervening marital waste-land. Sally, stuck with her roly-poly Arizona salesman, reverts to trembling youth when her eyes fall once again on the still elegant Ben, who paired off with her best friend, Phyllis. For a moment, Ben responds and it seems that the partners will be getting a second chance. But not, middle-aged compromise intervenes, and the party breaks up in disenchantment and a return to the old domestic treadmill.

It is not much of a story, and whatever possibilities it may have are thoroughly scuppered by James Goldman's book. The party is presented in a brain-fauged blend of lifeless small-talk, bitching and dreadful gags ("A light collation", announces the host — prompting the quip "Better light than never").

This is the night of the big deal, the one that is going to make them all rich. It is so big that even the wives are included in the celebration dinner, though they have never met before.

With nothing in common but their husbands' illegal activities, the female foursome come to realize what the audience has known all along — the men are not going to show.

The deal, it would seem, has gone awry and a phone call from the solicitor has them scurrying off to the



Recapturing dreams and rivalries: Julia McKenzie (left), Daniel Massey, Diana Rigg and David Healy, with the ladies' ghostly younger selves looking down in amusement

Conversation between the principals sounds as if it had come out of a romantic B-movie of the period; and, having equipped the two couples with ghostly replicas of their younger selves, Mr Goldman then breaks the convention by allowing the characters to converse with their memory-figures: a tricky theatrical technique which he

proves unable to handle. What remains is a wonderful idea for a show which has failed to grow into a story. And there remains a total split between the dialogue, which belongs to the generalized world of middlebrow entertainment, and Sondheim's lyrics which, besides their fiendish metrical ingenuity, are packed with precise references to the real America of the WPA, Hoover, the Dionne babies and the wifely chore of serving dinner to elderly men from the UN.

Follies, famously, is Sondheim's tribute to his own musical youth, in pastiche evocations of Irving Berlin, Mistinguette, Sigmund Romberg and — in "Losing My Mind" — as plangent a torch-

song as Jerome Kern ever wrote. Side by side with those showbiz memories there are his own barbed private-relationship songs. Sondheim may have been underrated as a melodist, but what I most carry away from this score is the memory of songs like "Country House" and the Ravel-like waltz "Could I Leave You?", in which a single motif is stretched out to infinity to carry a lyric that combines the freedom of conversation with the tightest verse discipline. There is also one heroic number, "I'm Still Here", which stands by itself. Dolores Gray brought the house down with it on Tuesday, although her character had virtually no existence elsewhere in the show.

Mike Ockrent's production is at its best when working in concert with Maria Bjornson's inexhaustible scenic transformations. Walkways materialize out of thin air: a huge illuminated turntable sprouts centre-stage, where the exiles from paradise hide their faces while a silvery chorus sends up a hymn to love and marriage in the likeness of an ambulatory waterfall. The production is not so hot in showing a believable party or in handling conversational exchanges. But this hardly matters in the second half, which consists of a Follies show, enacting the plight of the principals in terms of vaudeville routines.

Diana Rigg, a decidedly haughty outsider among the bulging old troupers, finally gets things together in a mischievously decorous strip routine, and Julia McKenzie, as the torch-carrying Sally, single-handedly lifts the production into zones of heartbreak and volcanic comedy unapproached elsewhere. The men come second; but Daniel Massey and David Healy earn their places among the fractured glamour.

Irving Wardle



Le Corsair: Alexander Monakhov and Galina Stepanyenko

DANCE

Bolshoi Academy
Coliseum

You have to remember, when judging the company which opened at the Coliseum on Tuesday, that it is not the Bolshoi Ballet. The dancers are senior students or recent graduates of the Bolshoi school, their ages said to range from 16 to 23. What everyone hopes to find in this concert is the stars of the future.

The outstanding member of the present group is Galina Stepanyenko, whose praises were sung by the school's director, Sofia Golovkina, in Tuesday's *Times*. Yes, she does have a brilliant technique, seen to great effect in the *Corsair pas de deux*: very crisp, easily secure footwork, quick light jumps and an attractive personality. She will need, however, to do something about a tendency to pull her shoulders rather high if she is to make the most of her gifts, and as Odette in the lakeside scene from *Swan Lake* she looked highly accomplished but not particularly moving.

At 20, Stepanyenko is already a leading dancer, not at the Bolshoi but with the Moscow Classical Ballet. Her two partners are both at the Bolshoi. Alexei Malyskin is a handsome, quietly helpful, not very assertive Siegfried. Alexander Monakhov, whose Mary Pickford curls contrast curiously with somewhat rough-hewn features, supports her strongly in *Corsair* but his solos do not show any exceptional virtuosity unless per-

haps some fast final pirouettes.

It may be that there are some secret reserves of talent hidden away for later. Yelena Borisova, for instance, whose photographs are featured in the programme book, danced only small parts in the ensemble. Already one can foresee career possibilities for some of her colleagues. Yulia Chicheva's vivacity in the *Sabre Dance*, and her ability to kick the back of her head while whizzing through the air, should commend her for the wicked ladies in *Grigoriyev's* ballets. Anastasia Nabokina, a pert little *fille de l'air* who plays a doll in *Coppelia*, may well find herself cast for the title role in *The Nutcracker*. Nadezhda Grachova, pretty but tiny, showed a pleasantly rounded build and manner as Swanilda, but lack of leg-length will limit her classical roles.

Two lively lads, Igor Berezinoy and Andrei Dysh, had a jolly duet based on Russian folk-dancing. Several other young men looked promising, and Sergei Film demonstrated a tight jump in a character dance, but there was no really dazzling male dancing. Denis Shukov's buoyant stamens as Franz came nearest to that.

How would a comparable group from the Royal Ballet School compare? Rather well, I think. One number offers direct comparison. Svetlana Filippova and Alexander Petukhov give a very decent account of the *Bluebird* duet, but she does not match Miyako Yoshida's clean, fluent finish in her graduation performance in that role, nor does Petukhov excel the similarly chunky Errol Pickford.

John Percival

Made in Spain
New End

Costa del Crime — see Alexandra Shulman on last night's television on the next flight with nothing but the clothes on their backs and orders to await instructions.

Par sitcom, part personality clash, Tony Grounds's play is not that strong on either plot or character, but has a

lot of blackly comic moments, some hilarious one-liners and a hard-working cast. Julie T. Wallace (of *She Devil* fame) crackles with spite and cynicism as Estelle, the prostitute who married for money — sheer energy compensates for some lapses in timing.

Her clash with Roz Clifton's neurotic Hampstead housewife Jacqui is reflected in the "murder" of Jacqui's kitten by an ill-placed sledge hammer through its head; Estelle mourns the

loss of her shoe. Between them stand Amanda Drewry's endearingly dumb scouse Rosy, and enigmatic Tolla, the short straw drawn by Faith Tingle.

Grounds draws the quartet of contrasting characters like cartoons, two-dimensional and primary-coloured but recognizable and funny. But Jacqui's final vision of the way forward hardly fulfils the attempted apocalyptic ending.

Lucy Page

Classic craft revived

CINEMA

Jean de Florette (PG)
Curzon Mayfair

Black Widow (15)
Leicester Square Theatre

Mala Noche (18)
Metro

Jean de Florette offers the practically forgotten exhilaration and satisfaction of a classic, superbly-crafted narrative film. It also recalls the great tradition of French rural epic that goes back to André Antoine's *La Terre* and includes the Provencal films of Marcel Pagnol. *Jean de Florette* is in fact directly inspired by Pagnol.

In 1952 the film-maker-cum-novelist wrote and directed what was to prove his penultimate film, *Manon des sources*. The script was based on a story he had heard in his childhood, about a young countrywoman obsessed with her duty to avenge the death of her father. The film ran some five hours, but to Pagnol's chagrin it was only released in a drastically cut version. His riposte was to extend the material into a diptych of novels which in the subsequent quarter-century have themselves become literary classics. The original story of *Manon des sources* provides the second volume; the first expands the story of the injustices previously suffered by Manon's father, Jean de Florette.

The novels have been re-adapted to the screen by the veteran scenarist Gérard Brach, and directed by Claude Berri, none of whose previous films even hints at the huge talent displayed in *Jean de Florette*. With a budget of \$17 million, the diptych is the most costly film ever made in France.

Jean de Florette is an epic tale of good and evil, greed, envy and revenge. The patriarch of the Soubeyran clan (Yves Montand) covets a certain estate for his nephew (Daniel Auteuil). The two of them dispose of the owner by manslaughter, but are frustrated when his heir, Jean de Florette (Gérard Depardieu), a humpbacked tax collector, decides to take possession in order to escape from the city to an idyllic rural life.

The Soubeyrans block up the spring that irrigates his land, and sadistically watch the subsequent ruin and death of Jean. The rest of the community look on indifferently; their natural hostility to outsiders is heightened by resentment of Jean's rational farming methods, learnt from books and manuals, and alien to the dubious traditional wisdom of the ancestors.

The tale is simple, but compelling in the telling. Berri relates in meticulous, fascinating detail the life of the countryside, the changing seasons, Jean's ambitions and experiments, the mean, ingenious villainy of the Soubeyrans. Bruno Nuytten's photography captures the splendour and the threat of the Provencal landscape.

The stars wholly subsume themselves to their roles. Depardieu as the kindly, trusting humpback is the personification of innocence. Montand and Auteuil, both authentic Provencals, are fox and weasel, forever nosing around, separately or together, plotting their next mischief.

The supporting cast, many of them recruited from around the villages where the film was shot, are as authentic as any in Pagnol's own films. Ernestine Mazurowna, as Manon, is a marvellous, practically speechless child, whose terrible moment of discovery in the last stages of the film prepares the way for the forthcoming second part, in which the grown-up Manon is taken over by Emmanuelle Béart.

It would be very surprising if Ronald Bass, who wrote the screenplay of *Black Widow*, were not a keen admirer of Cornell Woolrich, the master of the thriller whose novels and stories have inspired over 80 films and television productions. Woolrich was obsessed with lovely *femmes fatales* such as Teresa Russell plays here; and indeed the story is remarkably like Woolrich's first and most famous thriller, *The Bride Wore Black* (written under the pseudonym of William Irish). There too a beautiful young woman marries and murders a series of men, each time transforming

her appearance and personality to suit the seduction. Woolrich also enjoyed stories involving identification between hunter and hunted. Here a researcher in the Justice Department (Debra Winger) becomes obsessed with the murderer, whose killings are so perfect that the department overlooks them.

The researcher, dowdy and sexually self-denying, finds herself falling under the spell of the woman whose elegance and sexual success are so far from her own experience. The attraction becomes a virtual love-affair, and the jealousies are intriguingly elaborated when both women become rivals for the man (Sami Frey) marked out as the next murder victim.

It must be admitted that the script has also in common with Woolrich a carelessness about narrative probability: there are big jumps of investigative logic and the procedure of the Justice Department seriously test credulity. But credibility is not always necessary to the *film noir*; it is a kind of goblin world of evil and menace, which Bob Rafelson manages to evoke and manipulate very effectively.

Winger and Russell prove an admirable teaming of contrasts. Winger has an attractive gameness only enhanced by her affected sloppy look. Russell's iceberg blonde beauty always hints at something festering within; and her off-guard moments of violent anger are highly sinister.

Gus Van Sant's *Mala Noche* is a remarkable achievement for a film that cost only \$25,000 — an intricate study of mutual exploitation, set in a slum area of Portland, Oregon. The protagonist, a tattered young storekeeper, falls hopelessly for a young Mexican illegal immigrant, and lackadaisically teases his conscience with the awareness that he is using his economic edge — pathetic as it is — to gain advantage of the boy.

For their part the Mexican and his friends respond by teasing, abusing, bullying, frightening him and generally exploiting his lust. The necessities of penury are made a virtue, and Van Sant uses his grainy 16mm images with Expressionist flair to convey a vivid sense of atmosphere. The Mexicans, surviving in fugitive poverty and constant fear of arrest, are depicted as fierce and timid as alley-cats.

David Robinson



The marvellous, practically speechless Manon of Ernestine Mazurowna, with Gérard Depardieu, in *Jean de Florette*

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BOOKS

Sense about sensibility

Peter Ackroyd discovers the invisible genius behind all the sociable, public Jameses spinning his novels, caught in a web of words

Henry James, in this revised biography, still walks abroad. In life he was unimpeachable — and in death he is equally so. To read any page of his writing is instantly to recognize the author: his words seem to spread out, like expanding circles in water when the stone that set them moving has sunk below the surface. And in that sense his life resembled his words: in Leon Edel's remarkable account, we see it as a continuous movement through an unrelenting medium. It is in fact easy to be overwhelmed by the waves of his diurnal existence — the tea parties, the weekends, the dinners, the salons, the friendships — without seeing that shipwrecked thing, which lies beneath them shuddering, and which is at the centre of James's art.

His career is in many ways archetypal since he was the first thoroughly Europeanized American; it is impossible to understand Eliot or Pound, or even Stein, without first comprehending James. He never seems really to have been at ease either with his New York

HENRY JAMES
A Life
By Leon Edel
Collins, £25.00

family or with its somewhat ineffectual intellectualism, and from his adolescent years we see him escaping, as it were, across the Atlantic — to an atmosphere where he could take deeper and longer breaths. In that sense the plot of his life is a simple one — the shy and isolated Victorian childhood (he was born in 1843), the apparently inevitable sojourn at Harvard, the solitary study of the novel as if in instinctive preparation for his fate, the move to England, the early uncertainties of this transplantation, and then the growing mastery both of his medium and of his adopted country. By his middle years he had become "the Master", despite his disastrous excursions into the theatre, and by the time he became ensconced in Lamb House, Rye, he had become in his own quintessentially Jamesian words "a strange great phenomenon".

The essential point is that nothing much ever happened to him. But it was precisely this quietness and inactivity that turned him into a great artist. He populated his life with the stories and "scenarios" and characters which he picked up from dinner-table gossip, just as his prose encompassed the world like a rare gas which eventually fills the largest room. Words were somehow both source and cause of his consolation, the mouth forming them (he dictated all of his later novels to an amanuensis) and at the same time drinking them in; it is the infantilism of genius. So Edel's wonderful study emphasizes the strange ambiguity of the man — massive and polite, yet at the same time fugitive and evanescent. James's solitude and privacy were such that, for all his public engagements, he seemed to carry around with him everywhere the secret of his invisibility.

He could not have a better biographer, and the exponent of acute psychological realism has here found an interpreter who has been able to define the intricate network of James's social alliances as well

as the even more fragile texture of his psychological impulses and stirrings. Edel suggests why it was, for example, that James admired older women while remaining apprehensive of younger ones; he also manages delicately to document the central experience of James's life — his relationship with his brother, William, whose *Varieties of Religious Experience* did not encompass the fraught epipha-

nies which are so tentatively explored in Henry's fictions. Yet it is in a different sense that James haunts this book — he actually seems to inhabit Edel's style, so that an image of the man is created in the very texture of his writing. The psychological finesse, the elegance, and the decorous disavowal of the physical are as much a part of this biography as they were of his subject. The life itself may have been

shortened on this occasion — Edel's original biography comprised five volumes and was published over a period of some 30 years — but it has not been changed. And although for this revision Edel declares that he has been less constrained in sexual matters, there is still the same reticence, the same exorcism of the self. The closest we come (or need to come) to any understanding of James's sex-

ual life lies in the picture of him surrounded by young male hierophants, and in the description of him listening to the wandering sexual gossip of Hugh Walpole — James himself amused, amusing, but nevertheless unflinching, enmeshed in an air of literary sanctity.

However, *Henry James: A Life* provides revelations of a different kind, and what emerges from it most fully is the image of the serious and self-communing artist.

In his life (as in his novels) he had an extraordinary ability to notate his own moods as if they were passages of music in which he could discern every quaver and semi-quaver. And one feels too, that the self-control he exercised was only another aspect of that persistent attention to his own destiny. He died as he had lived — when he suffered a stroke he heard a voice not his own saying, "So here it is at last, the distinguished thing". And, later, he consulted a thesaurus to locate the exact word for his condition — "paralytic" was not precise enough. But then he wavered. He carried on dictating as if he were still weaving fictions upon his deathbed, but the magisterial link with his words had gone. They spun out from the abyss into which he was slowly sinking, the last remnant of that miraculous sensibility which in an essay he once described as "a kind of huge spider-web of the finest silken threads suspended in the chamber of consciousness, catching every air-borne particle in its tissue". A further miracle resides in the fact that Leon Edel has been able both to trace and to preserve that shimmering web within a study which, even at a much shorter length, must still qualify as one of the most formidable literary biographies of the 20th century.

Master saga of Orkney

Peter Tinniswood

THE GOLDEN BIRD
By George Mackay Brown
John Murray, £10.95

Sometimes there is magic in the air.

You open the covers of a book, and it comes tumbling out and bewitches you, enchants you, and overwhelms you.

So it is with George Mackay Brown's *The Golden Bird*.

It consists of two long short stories, both set in the Orkneys. The bare bones are this — one is the history of an isolated island community struggling for survival against the elements and the crueler, more daunting and bewildering advances of the dawning days of the 20th century. The other is an account of the life of John Doe, who travels the world sailing in the great whalers and seeking his fortune panning for gold, and then returns to the Orkneys to marry and battle with the unrelenting hardships of running a small craft.

It sounds simple. It is. And that is its magic. For like the great sagas of the Northlands these stories take the stark and basic realities of the human existence — the constant fight for survival — and upon them build a structure of infinite subtlety, power and vigour, tenderness and beauty.

If these are old-fashioned virtues, then three mighty cheers that they still survive and flourish.

In a sense Mr Mackay Brown is like one of his isolated farmsteads in the far north, only he is fighting the onslaught of new literary fashions which threaten to erode the old values.

Story-telling is becoming a dying art. Style and elegance are sacrificed to slickness.

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If an aspiring writer came to me and asked how to tell a story, plot a book, round a character, make dialogue sing and whisper and below, I would say: "Read George Mackay Brown."

"They perch more lightly on the globe than the rest"

Geoffrey Moorhouse

THE FRONTIERS OF PARADISE By Peter Levi
Collins Harvill, £12

religious world. "Indian monasticism" is a meaningless phrase of the sort that has always been liable to make Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Sikhs, Muslims, and Parsees (not to mention Bede Griffiths) throw up their hands in despair at the inability of the Western mind to grasp the intricacies of that blessed land.

There is more history than anything else, covering a great deal of ground without ever lingering in one place for too long. It is noted, numbingly, that in 1350 the Black Death wiped out half the monks in England; and only three pages later it is disclosed that although there are thousands of priceless manuscripts on the holy peninsula of

Athos, there would have been a lot more if the Turks hadn't used some of those parchments for cartridge waddings during the Greek war of independence. Benedictinism looms large as it was bound to.

If there are times when *The Frontiers of Paradise* reads like a fine précis of Dom David Knowles, there are also moments of delightful observation that could only have resulted from long service and good conduct in the ranks — "If a novice realized that the vocation of a young monk is to become an old one, I think he would be

terrified... Old monks are wild as well as simple. They perch more lightly on the globe than the rest of us." We learn that the Jesuits have an ancient arrangement with the Carthusians, enabling any one of them to join a Charterhouse whenever he wishes, without even asking anyone's permission; and this is one of the rare occasions when we are admitted to some intimacy with Peter Levi's earlier profession.

He really ought to write that book about the J's!

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:
Alexander Kerensky, The First Love of the Revolution, by Richard Abraham (Sidgwick & Jackson, £20) 50th anniversary Arthur Symonds, by Karl Beckson (Oxford, £35) The Victorian critic and poet who was one of the pioneers of Modernism
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small domestic hurts, a poetry that celebrates ordinariness without becoming banal:

Human couples fight — no question there — But not like cat and dog, nor like I'd say.

Any pair of beasts. When couples rise To slug it out their rage does not diminish.

Though they might smile. You see in those cold eyes That this fight has no rules, is to the finish.

"Celebrates", though, is perhaps too strong a verb. When Scannell aspires to the lyrical he makes a noise like a Georgian anthology (*The Sunlight is fresh poured, liquescence gold*). He is best when he just accepts, without irony or com-

passion or any other fashionable footwork, the blows of experience which have made him a poet. The poetry is in the bruises.

Gavin Ewart, at 70, is also an old bruiser, his style and subject matter well-established, and there are few surprises in his *Late Pickings* (Hutchinson, £5.95). Ewart is a witty poet, inclined to let wit shape a poem when inspiration dries up. His more serious poems deal with erotic uncase — there is a particularly shrewd one here in which he tells off Auden for saying that making love to women was "too easy".

Do lesbians think making love to a man is "too easy"? I've never heard so. But, with Yeats, "the fascination of what's difficult" was a potent factor; and surely all such questions are fraught with interest?

Some of the parodies and other clowning seem a bit punch-drunk by Ewart's own standards, but he is still our best living poet of erotic rudeness. About sexual suffering he is never wrong...

T.S. Eliot, after study at the Sorbonne and a doctorate in philosophy, took boxing lessons as a Boston gym with an ex-professional he called Apeneck Sweeney. John Clare, at the other end of his life, extolled the merits of "Boxer Byron/made of iron" and was fond of identifying himself with great prize-fighters of the barefist days.

Apart from this, the English poets have not much interested themselves in pugilism — with the exception, that is, of the contemporary poet Vernon Scannell, who was a schoolboy champion, boxed briefly as a professional while on the run from the Army, and once even travelled with a fairground boxing booth, taking dives when he was told to.

The fistcuffs might put some people off, but this would be a pity since Scannell is no Roy Campbell, no swaggering enlarger of his own abilities, or boaster about his toughness. Now 65, and somewhat undervalued, he feels no need to prove his manliness by shouting of past bouts and knockouts, and he emerges from his latest collection, the more genuine masculine force for that — with a puzzled but

embalmed tenderness, too, which is very much a warrior grace. Individual poems and lines do not so much linger in the mind as a pervasive seriousness of purpose. Scannell is a poet whose work reads best in bulk, because he does not go in for the smart remark or the reticent moment of breathlessness, but gives his energies downright to the pursuit of something beyond or behind the stanzas.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

- 6.00** Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletin.
- 6.35** *Edgar Kennedy in Not My Account* (b/w). 6.55 *Weather*.
- 7.00** *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, Jeremy Paxman and Piers Morgan.
- 7.30** *Regional News* at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25.
- 8.35** *The Pink Panther Show*. Three cartoons. (r) 8.58 *Regional News* and weather.
- 9.00** *News* and weather 9.05 *Children's BBC*. Andy Crane presents this magazine programme which includes a Charlie Brown cartoon (r) and, at 9.30, *Why Don't You...?* Entertaining ideas for youngsters with time on their hands. (r)
- 10.00** *News* and weather 10.05 *Newsnight* (r) 10.25 *Play School* presented by Jane Hardy. The guests are Simon Davies and Johnny Ball. (r)
- 10.50** *Cricket: Fourth Test*. Tony Lewis introduces coverage of the first afternoon's play. The match at Edgbaston between England and Pakistan. Includes news and weather at 10.55 and 12.00, 12.55 *Regional News* and weather. One O'Clock News with Julia Somerville. Weather. 4.25 *Neighbours*. Mike has a heart to heart with Zoe at the coffee shop.
- 1.30** *Cricket: Fourth Test*. Coverage of the first afternoon's play. The commentators at Edgbaston are Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth with summaries by Ted Dexter and Robin Jackman.
- 4.10** *The Kwik-Kwik Show*. Episode six of the 12-part drama series. (r) (Ceefax)

BBC2

- 6.35** *Open University: Conflict 2 - The Steel Strike*. Ends at 7.20.
- 9.00** *Cricket: Fourth Test*. The opening overs of the afternoon session of the first day's play at Edgbaston. 1.50 *Ceefax*.
- 3.00** *News* and weather followed by *Voyage of the Hiram*. The fourth and final programme of the series on Tim Severin's voyage retracing the route taken by Jason and the Argonauts when they went in search of the Golden Fleece. (r)
- 3.40** *Look, Stranger*. A profile of Bill Abernethy, the only man in Britain to have in his passport, "Occupation - pearl fisher" (r)
- 4.00** *News* and weather.
- 4.10** *100 Great Sporting Moments*. Lester Piggott on board Nijinsky in the 1970 Derby and King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes.
- 4.15** *Cricket: Fourth Test*. The final session of the first day's play.
- 4.10** *Film: The Road to Denver* (1955) starring John Payne and Mona Freeman. Western adventure about two brothers who fall out over the establishment

- 5.00** *John Craven's Newsround*. 5.10 *We Are the Champions*. Heat four of the inter-school sports competition, from Magnum Leisure Centre, Irvine. Taking part are Arren High School, Kilmarnock Academy and Irvine Royal Academy. 5.35 *Hard Hat and Hadley*. Show jumping series. (first shown on BBC Northern Ireland)
- 6.00** *Six O'Clock News* with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
- 6.35** *London Plus*.
- 7.00** *Top of the Pops* introduced by Janice Long and Simon Mayo.
- 7.30** *EastEnders*. Arthur hopes his worries about Mary's welfare are unfounded; and Sharon is surprised by a turn of events. (Ceefax)
- 8.00** *What a Carry On!* The last in the series of comedies of clips from the successful Carry On comedy films.
- 8.30** *In Sickness and in Health*. Alf returns from his wife, Elsie, a funeral wondering how he is going to survive without her disability pension. (r)
- 9.00** *Nine O'Clock News* with Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
- 9.30** *Blackadder II*. Sir Edmund, worried that his lifestyle will put paid to his inheriting any money from his saintly aunt, Lady Whiteadder, resolves to live a saintly existence.
- 10.00** *The Trouble With Sex*. A dramatized documentary about the reality of VD clinics and genital-urinary units as they are now known. (r)
- 10.30** *Starsky and Hutch*. The two detectives are on the trail of a Texas millionaire who is about to take the law into his own hands after the murder of his wife. (r)
- 11.30** *The Rock Gospel Show* Sheila Walsh. (r)
- 11.55** *Weather*.

- of a stagecoach line. Directed by Joe Kane.
- 7.40** *Eye to Eye*. Programme three - *Mr Magic Feet*. A documentary profile of Eric L. Stannard who came to England from Jamaica in 1947 and became active in the Communist Party which, in turn, inspired his interest in ballroom dancing.
- 8.10** *The Grand Junction*. The story of Crewe. (see Choice)
- 8.00** *The Travel Show*. Jackie Sprackley, after the glitter of Mediterranean resorts finds the calm of Jersey in the Channel. Matthew Collins has airport survival tips after staying a day each in Glasgow, Manchester, Luton and Gatwick; and Jane and Alan Hales from Reading enjoy the delights of Sidmouth in the company of their four children.
- 9.30** *Loving Memory*. Tony Harrison investigates the burial customs of Naples. (Ceefax)
- 10.10** *Cricket: Fourth Test*. Highlights of the first day's play.
- 10.40** *Newsnight* 11.25 *Weather*.
- 1.30** *Open University: Weekend Outlook* 1.35 *Nuclear Weapons: Arms Control*. Ends at 12.05.

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- 6.00** *TV-am* introduced by Kay Burley and Richard Keys. News at 6.00 and 6.30; weather at 6.25 and 6.55; local news at 6.35; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
- 7.00** *Good Morning Britain* presented by Jayne Irving and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; local news at 7.25; sport at 7.40; pop music at 7.55; and video report at 8.35. After Nine includes Russell Grant's Sun Signs with the Stars and exercises with Lizzy Webb.
- 9.25** *Thames news headlines*.
- 9.30** *Sunday*. Animated space adventures (r). 10.00 *Golden Fleece*. Australian drama serial (r). 10.30 *University Challenge*. Loughborough University of Technology meet University of Kent, Canterbury.
- 11.00** *The Tank Engine and Friends* (r). 11.30 *The Sun*. Puppet series with Neil Innes. (r). 11.55 *Thames news headlines*.
- 12.30** *News* 12.55 *Thames news headlines*.
- 1.00** *Scarecrow and Mr King*. Lee and Amanda, in Munich, have been given the task of securing 1980's radical from terrorists. 1.55 *Home Cookery Club*. Wensleydale Dip and Summer Salad 2.00 *Password*. Word association game.
- 2.30** *Something to Treasure* includes a visit to a country house sale in Derbyshire. 3.00 *Talk* the High Road 3.25 *Thames news headlines* 3.50 *Sons and Daughters*.
- 4.00** *Pat Tulip Too* 4.10 *James the Cat* (r). 4.20 *Storybook International*. The Stebbins

CHANNEL 4

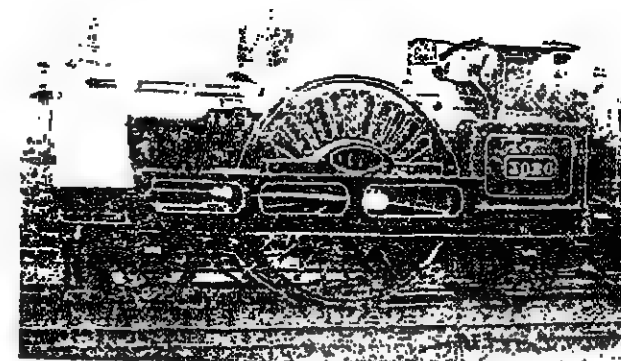
- 2.15** *The Landships' House*. (r)
- 2.30** *Film: Mammy* (1930, b/w) starring Al Jolson. Classic musical about a man on the run from a travelling minstrel show after being accused of murdering his rival in love. He looks back at how he came to be in the predicament. Directed by Michael Curtiz.
- 4.05** *Film: The Boat* (1921, b/w) starring Buster Keaton as a family man who builds a boat in order to take his wife and offspring on a life of adventure. Directed by Buster Keaton. 4.30 *Countdown*. Today's challenger is Pat Shakespeare from Pershore.
- 5.00** *Film: Abbott and Costello Meet the Killer Dracula* (1951, b/w) Bud and Lou play trumpling private investigators trying to clear an invisible boxer on a charge of murdering his manager. Directed by Charles Lamont.
- 6.30** *Tour de France 1987*. Stage 22: the 186km leg from La Plagne to Morzine.
- 7.00** *Channel 4 News* with Trevor McDonald and Nick Gowing.

- 7.50** *Comment and Weather*.
- 8.00** *Equinox: Mission to Mars*. A documentary about NASA's plans to land on Mars.
- 9.00** *Film: Winter Flight* (1984) starring Rose Dandale and Nicola Cooper. A First Love story, set on an RAF station, about a shy airman and his romance with a Naafi barmaid. Directed by Roy Easterday.
- 11.00** *Film: Rush to Judgement* (1967, b/w) Emilio De Antonio's documentary illustrating how contradictory evidence given at Warren Commission's investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy was either ignored or hushed up.
- 12.50** *The Landships' House*. (r)
- 1.05** *Film: Die Malschneider Fahrt* (1970) starring Hans Böhm. Drama, based on fact, about a 15th-century German who claims he has been visited by the Virgin Mary and begins a series of social reforms. Four months later he is arrested and executed by the Church authorities. Directed by Rainer Werner Fassbinder. Ends at 2.50.

History on the rails

TELEVISION CHOICE

The Grand Junction (BBC2, 8.10pm) celebrates 150 years of Crewe as a railway town. It also celebrates Crewe's own recent celebration of the anniversary, the opening of a Heritage Centre on the site of the original railway works and a parade of old puffers - and diesels - which were made in the town. At the beginning of the 1830s, what is now Crewe was green fields and open countryside. By the 1860s it was the hub of the Grand Junction Railway, the convenient half-way point between the cities of Birmingham and Manchester. The town was created by the railway, which put up cottages for the labourers and villas for the works superintendents and a church with cast-iron pillars (made in the railway works) painted to look like stone. The works opened in 1843 and were responsible for such archetypal Crewe locos as the "Cornwall", with its single huge driving wheel, still in



The archetypal Crewe engine, the "Cornwall", built in the town in 1847. The Grand Junction (BBC2, 8.10pm)

working order after 120 years. In the 1930s, the great engineer William Stanier arrived and created the Princess Class Pacific. One of these, the "Princess Elizabeth" (named after the current Queen) had eventually to be saved from the scrapyard by a band of dedicated enthusiasts. Hard as it is to comprehend, the early Crewe diesels have just as great a fan club as the steam

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below).
News on the hour from 6.30 am until 8.30 pm, then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight.
6.30 *Adrian* John 7.00 *Simon Mayo* 9.30 *Andy Peebles* 11.00 *The Radio 1 Roadshow* (from Aberystwyth) 12.30 *Newsbeat* (from Manchester) 12.45 *Gary Davies* 3.00 *Sue Wright* 5.30 *Newsbeat* 5.45 *Bruno Brookes* 7.30 *John Peel* 8.00 *Behind the Mask* (Enic Caplan Story) 10.00-12.00 *Andy Kershaw* VHF Stereo Radios 1 and 2: 4.00-6.00 pm As Radio 2. 10.00 pm As Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 am As Radio 2

Radio 2

MF (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1).
News on the hour. Sports Round-up 8.00 *Cricket* Scoreboard 7.30-7.45 4.00 am *Colin Berry* 5.30 *Ray Moore* 7.30 *Derby* 8.00 *Jameson* 9.30 *Ken Bruce* 11.00 *Johnny Young* 1.45 pm *Cliff Morgan* 2.00 *Gloria Hunniford* 3.30 *Adrian Law* 5.00 *John Dunn* 7.00 *Country Club* (Emmylou Harris, 10.00 *Rhythm and Blues* (Paul Jones) 10.00 *Wide on the Wireless* (Ernie Wise) 10.30 *Star Sound Cinema* (Nick Jackson) 11.00 *Round Midnight* 1.00 am *Nightside* 3.00-4.00 am *Little Night Music*.

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Counter-bidder may snatch Hogg

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

Dealers are bracing themselves for the possibility of a counter-bid for Hogg Robinson, the insurance broker and travel agent, currently the target of an unwanted £282 million bid from the Trustee Savings Bank.

Hogg Robinson's shares shrugged off an early 10p fall to finish 7p higher at a new peak of 640p in late trading yesterday despite the falls elsewhere in the market. They now stand 40p above the 600p being offered by the cash-rich TSB.

Whispers in the market are already suggesting a counter-offer — possibly as high as 800p a share — which would value Hogg at £365 million. Speculation was heightened yesterday by the news of a put-through earlier this week of 1.4 million Hogg shares, handled by Morgan Grenfell.

But the mystery bidder will have to move fast. Hogg's shareholders are voting on Monday for the proposed demerger of the group's insurance arm. Sir John Read, the TSB chairman, is insisting that a condition of his bid is that any plans for a demerger are scrapped. He has already lined up a deal to sell the insurance side to Dewey Warren, the insurance broker (where Mr Robert Holmes & Court's Bell Group owns a 42

per cent stake) and has no intention of seeing it slip through the back door.

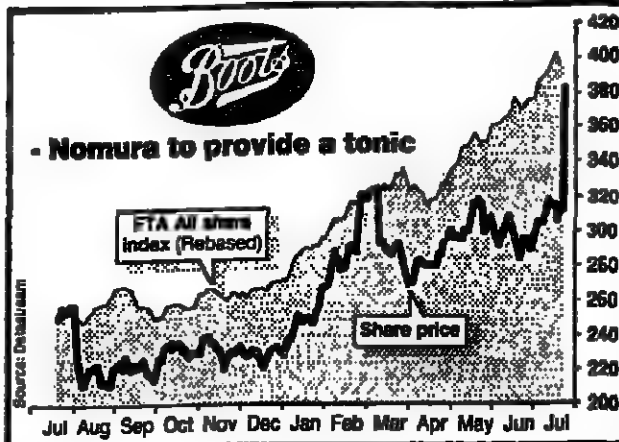
Mr Christopher Huxley, an analyst at County NatWest, the banking arm of the NatWest Bank, believes that the TSB's 600p a share is difficult to quarrel with. But he adds: "The only way out for Hogg Robinson seems to be to seek a white knight — or, in this case, two white knights."

The rest of the equity market suffered its biggest one-day fall in terms of points after being flooded by the worst set of trade figures since last August, producing a deficit of £561 million. This,

There was a whiff of burnt fingers about United Scientific Holdings yesterday, down by 27p to 312p. Thora EMI has just bought a 4.1 per cent stake. Reports that Thora was unlikely to make an aggressive bid have succeeded in flushing out the speculators.

coupled with Monday's disappointing bank lending figures, increased fears that Britain's economy is overheating. Some dealers are worried by growing inflation and the prospect of dearer money.

An early rally in the equity market proved short-lived



with prices closing at their worst levels of the day. The FT index of 30 shares plunged by 39.6 points to 1,832.4 as more than £9 billion was wiped from the value of quoted companies. It has now fallen by 93.8 points (4.87 per cent) since last Thursday's record was achieved. The FTSE 100 lost 46.0 points, falling to 2,344.5. The "Footsie" has now fallen by 98.9 points since its peak last week.

Market-makers had to box clever yesterday with most of them anxious not to get too heavily involved. Dealers fear that the slide may resume when trading starts today as the account draws to a close and the July traded options expire.

Among the leaders, double-figure losses were seen with ICI down 15p at £14.98,

Glaxo, 23p to £17.71, Reckitt & Colman, 30p to £11.46 and BOC Group, 20p to 512p. It was a sea of red among the top 100 companies with only six of them managing to close higher on the day.

Worries about the economy put the pound again under pressure and also took its toll of gilts. Losses at the longer end stretched to almost £2.

A big review of Boots, the high street chemist, is due to drop on fund managers' desks any day now. Nomura Securities, the important Tokyo securities house, which has produced the tone, is clearly still a fan of the shares. Dr Banerji, a pharmaceuticals analyst at Nomura, has been a long-time admirer of the Boots management, is impressed with the company's developments in the drugs

field and also the manner in which the restructuring of its retailing operations has been undertaken.

Analysts have recently suggested that Boots' core businesses, both industrial and retail, are now firing on all cylinders. The management is optimistic about the prospects for two of the potentially largest contributors to profits — the Flosequin heart drug on the industrial side and its edge-of-town Children's World stores at the retail level.

The group is continuing to pour money into research and development and more recently has made a breakthrough in anti-depressants with a drug called Prothiaden.

Two British companies are being tipped as shares to watch over the next 12 months by Shearson Lehman Securities, the US broker. They are Hanson Trust, down 5.5p at 182p, and Hawley Group, 3.5p lower at 161p, the only British names to appear in a list of 10 dominated by US equities.

Flosequin is unlikely to contribute to profits until 1988-89 at the earliest, but strong earnings growth for the rest of the group is in prospect and the shares look attractive.

Boots rose to 312p initially, then closed 7p lower at 303p on a turnover of nearly 9 million shares.

Also in the stores sector, Storehouse, which embraces Habitat Mothercare and British Home Stores, lost the previous day's speculative gain of 12p, at 311p, as more than 9 million shares changed hands.

Some dealers still believe that an ASDA/MFI-type break-up is on the cards.

Dealings in Conrad Holdings, the exhibition, design and construction company, were resumed and, from the suspended level of 102p, the shares raced away to finish at 255p.

Investors have given their approval to the recent financial restructuring of the company which has resulted in Mr David Thompson, who recently resigned as joint chairman of Hillsdown Holdings, paying £1.25 million for an 18 per cent stake in the company. He and Mr Roger Abraham, a managing director of Chase Investment Bank, hold just over 36 per cent of the equity.

Capital Radio, London's independent station, eased 3p to 175p despite the news that Mr Owen Oyston, the Lancashire businessman, has acquired a 5.4 per cent stake in the company. Mr Oyston hit the headlines recently when he launched a rescue package for the ailing News on Sunday, the troubled, left-of-centre newspaper.

Building profit at Hillsdown

It looks like becoming another routine week for hyper-active Hillsdown Holdings, which yesterday bought Fairview, the housebuilder, in a deal worth almost £40 million.

This follows a joint venture with a European distribution and packaging company and the purchase of a small Dutch fresh fruit and vegetable operation. This month Hillsdown launched its biggest acquisition yet — the £168 million purchase of the Canadian Maple Leaf Mills foods and bakeries group.

What started life as a food group has expanded into timber, furniture, stationery and property. Last year, property, through Rugby Securities, chipped in about 7 per cent of group profits and the board has been keen to expand.

While mainly involved in commercial developments, Hillsdown now has a stake in Fairview's bread-and-butter residential building in the South-east. Hillsdown has about 200 builders' merchants around the country, which could also be sitting on developable land.

The sheer pace of Hillsdown's acquisition policy — buying more than 50 companies in two years and turning itself into a £1.3 billion business — has exceeded the ability of the stock market to appreciate fully the potential for growth. Inevitably, its followers have pleaded that the shares are undervalued.

They have performed poorly, partly because of the hefty share placing by co-founder David Thompson.

But Hillsdown has bought shrewdly, and forecasts that earnings per share growth could average at least 20 per cent over the next five years without further acquisitions do not look wide of the mark.

The shares, down 2p at 305p yesterday, may not be the most exciting. But they could be due for a pick-up.

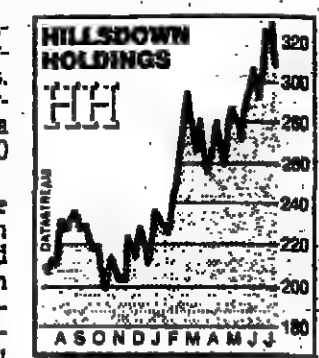
Flare for holidays

No summer would be complete without horror stories of holiday companies going bust, leaving people disappointed at home and abroad. The industry remains a battleground, but attractive spoils remain for those with the imagination to form a diversified business.

Owners Abroad is one such, spreading its risk with a finger in assorted pies of seat wholesaling, package holidays and aircraft charter.

Seat wholesaling keeps it close to the heart-beat of the big operators and promotes flexibility in its own package business.

And its promising niche tour business is less vulnerable to cut-throat discounting. Even Sunstart, its "pile 'em high, sell 'em cheap,"



Racial Electronics

Racial Electronics' two-year pension fund holiday, which will probably save it £16 million over the period, is the kind of news that stock market affairs are made of.

Racial had already started to win back the hearts and minds of the City with much improved 1987 results, announced in June, which led to a general upgrading of profit forecasts. Now those forecasts can be raised even further, given the certainty that the cost benefits of having a pension fund surplus will flow through to the profit and loss account.

It now only needs confirmation that Racial, in partnership with British Telecom, has won through on the British digital cellular franchises — eventual profits of which will make last year's group pre-tax profits of £100.3 million look like peanuts — to send Racial shares on to even higher ground.

Such news may not be too long in coming. Yesterday, in an otherwise bloody stock market, Racial shares advanced 7p to 280 1/2p.

The shares, on improved profit estimates of £154 million this year and £203 million the next, now offer a price earnings ratio of 17.5 and 13.3, respectively.

The chairman's statement next week should underscore the positive tone within Racial and medium-term, the shares still look cheap.

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Massive cuts at Shearson?

Shearson's massive cuts in its investment banking and research departments have caused a sharp drop in its share price.

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Only 30% return likely for Electra investors

By Lawrence Lever

The poor performance of the Electra Risk Capital 1 fund came under renewed scrutiny at a meeting of investors in London yesterday. The fund, launched in 1981 under the Government's Business Start-up Scheme, which gave tax relief to investors in certain unquoted companies, has performed disastrously.

Electra — a subsidiary of the Electra Investment Trust — raised £8.6 million from the public for the fund. This was invested in 32 unquoted companies.

The latest report shows that only nine companies remain in the fund. The other 23 have either gone into liquidation or sold for nominal amounts.

Only £2 million out of the £8.6 million worth of investments is left. The value of investors' shares in the fund has plunged from £3,500 to £300. The most they can hope for is that 30 per cent of their investment will be returned when the fund is finally liquidated.

Electra Investment Trust has net assets of more than £400 million and is well known for its expertise in selecting unquoted companies for investment. It has blamed the poor performance of the fund on the restrictive rules of the BSS, which was limited to start-up companies and sub-



Investment challenge: Michael Stoddart, Electra chairman

quently replaced by the Business Expansion Scheme.

While two of the remaining companies in the fund are producing healthy profits, many others are in serious financial difficulties.

Investors challenged Mr Michael Stoddart, the chairman of Electra Investment Trust, about the level of remuneration earned by Electra for managing the fund and

asked whether Electra had exercised share options on any of the only two successful investments in the fund.

In fact, the fund has been equally disastrous for Electra, consuming a disproportionate amount of management time for little reward. In addition, Electra has waived its entitlement to exercise its share options on the companies remaining in the fund.

But the fund's largest remaining investment, accounting for almost £700,000 of the £2 million left in the fund, may go into liquidation because it has not yet been able to secure the additional finance it needs.

Mr Stoddart said: "The alternatives are to seek an industrial partner, or failing that, liquidation."

To compound matters it appears that investors are in serious danger of not receiving tax relief in respect of this company. "We are not sanguine about our negotiations with the Inland Revenue," Mr Stoddart said.

Other investors said "a fundamental failure" of Eric 1 was that it did not have non-executive directors on the boards of all of its investee companies; another referred to "the rather sad situation" of investors in the fund. Yet another said the information contained in the report of the investments in the fund "made pretty ghastly reading."

Lord Rockley, the Kleinwort Benson corporate financier who is an investor in Eric 1, said after the meeting that he had originally considered it "a nice, simple way of spreading risk."

He added it was "quite an achievement" for Electra to lose three-quarters of the companies it had invested in.

Airlines seek merger pledge

By Colin Narborough

Mr Alan Snadden, chairman of Monarch Airlines, is urgently seeking allies among the country's independent operators in the fight to ensure that the proposed British Airways merger with British Caledonian does not force other airlines out of Gatwick.

Monarch plans to present its case against the £237 million merger plan at a news conference at the Savoy, in London, tomorrow, with Britannia Airways, the biggest independent offering support. Orion Airways is also likely to be represented.

For some time before the merger plan, B-Cal had been trying to have its scheduled flights out of Gatwick given precedence over the charter business of the independents.

But the Luton-based Monarch, like other independents, has opposed such moves, and is seeking assurances that the merger will not open the way for the "mega-carrier" to dominate Gatwick and Heathrow.

A spokesman for Britannia, which carried more than 5 million passengers last year, said Gatwick was effectively the independents' local airport for the South-east, given BA's dominance at Heathrow.

About 62 per cent of Gatwick's total international traffic was charter business, and the independents wanted assurances that it would stay that way.

Monarch is due to make its submissions about the merger to the Office of Fair Trading tomorrow.

Another fear voiced by some independents is that operators such as Virgin Atlantic, owned by Mr Richard Branson, and Air Europe, owned by Mr Harry Goodman's International Leisure Group, could back the proposed BA/B-Cal link-up to carve out specific benefits for themselves.

Mr Goodman has formally applied to the Civil Aviation Authority for the revocation of all B-Cal licences on European and domestic routes, in the hope of having them reallocated to Air Europe. Mr Branson has also expressed the hope that Virgin could obtain new routes after the merger.

Mr Christopher Tugendhat, chairman of the Civil Aviation Authority, is expected to make his first public comments about the merger at today's presentation of the authority's annual report.

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BAA turns investment into pin money for all

County NatWest's innovative ideas for a three-way scheme for privatizing BAA certainly looked appealing on paper. The smaller investor would still be offered a simple deal. The institutions would receive some shares via a placing and could build up a realistic allocation by backing their judgement through the tender section of the offer.

Use of the tender system has allowed the Treasury to gain an extra £56 million that might otherwise have gone to small-time speculators. The Government points out, though critics could as well say that a more realistic fixed price could have been set. In retrospect, however, the flotation as a whole does not seem to have worked out well.

The portfolio investor who had built up self-confidence through previous flotations, and might be expected to form the backbone of the long-term private shareholder register, has largely been frozen out by the decision to disallow all fixed-price applications for more than 1,000 shares — an initial investment of just £1,000. This eliminated some 300,000 people. At the same time, such investors have been discouraged from applying through the tender system by the unusual anti-abuse rule that anyone applying at the cut-off price or above must pay what they bid.

Formally, the need to spread the shares as widely as possible among

small investors has been realized. Some 2 million will be allocated shares. But they will receive only 100 each. There will, therefore, be the greatest incentive to make a guaranteed, small profit in the market. There is remarkably little incentive to wait to pay the second instalment next year for what would still be an investment too small to regard as significant, long-term capital.

This is surely creating the worst image for privatization issues as an investment. The impression is fostered that they simply offer guaranteed pin-money as you sell your tiny allocation to the institutions.

Mass sales by the casual investor will be a blessing in some ways, however. For it would make administrative nonsense for BAA to have a share register totalling 2 million, each owning so few shares that they could cost more in administration than dividends.

Privatization has almost become too popular for its own good, with millions opting for an almost guaranteed profit, regardless of the size of the issue. Such a body of short-term investors, if not put off, will be useful for big flotations such as the electricity industry, as well as the impending government sale of BP shares. But the tide of people sensibly offering 75p for £1 makes nonsense of smaller privatization issues such as BAA. The problem is tricky, but the system used to float BAA is clearly not a solution.

Trade figures frightener

For all those who enjoy horror stories, the May trade figures, delayed by industrial action until their launch on an unsuspecting market yesterday, made riveting reading. On the Richter scale which is applied to these things, the figures registered somewhere between straightforward disaster and "time to turn back from the airport, Chancellor."

Visible trade was in deficit by £1.16 billion, a deterioration of more than £600 million compared with April. The current account deficit, the first splash of red ink this year, was £561 million. Import volumes jumped by 4.6 per cent, while export volumes slumped by 4.8 per cent.

The word "fluke" was popularly used to describe the figures in Whitehall yesterday. And, indeed, the one-month turnaround implied by the figures is so sharp as to suggest that something odd was happening.

If the figures do signal the start of a new trend, then the trend is a highly disturbing one, and yesterday's shocked reaction in the markets may have been perfectly appropriate.

Glits lost two points at the long end, with some of the wilder spirits in the money markets talking of a rise in base rates to 10 per cent next week.

That is unlikely given the amount of reserves at the Bank's disposal to use against any pressure on sterling — and a smidgeon of these may have been used yesterday afternoon — but the prospect of higher rates at some stage over the next few months is a very real one.

There were elements in the May trade figures which were erratic. Certainly it would be surprising if exports and imports showed monthly changes from their new levels of the sort they displayed between April and May.

It does appear that the much vaunted second-half worsening of the current account has come through, albeit a little earlier than most expected. In the first five months of the year, the current account was in surplus by £202 million. On the consensus forecast (and that of the Treasury) there will have to be quite a lot more monthly deficits to produce the expected full-year deficit.

And with Britain growing faster than the other major countries, consumer demand being topped up daily and industry importing machinery to re-equip, there is no reason to suppose that May's disaster, however hard it was to swallow, will be the only one of the summer.

Goodman Bros to buy GMG

By Our City Staff

Goodman Brothers, the loss-making women's clothes designer and manufacturer, is buying GMG Holdings, which runs a large chain of shops in Britain supplied by Benetton, the Italian fashion house.

Goodman is paying for the purchase with 9 million new shares, but is also raising just over £1 million from a one-for-six rights issue at 42.5p a share. The 3.15 million share rights issue is conditional on completion of the acquisition.

GMG is owned by the family interests of Mr Gerry Goodman — who is not related to Goodman Brothers — and Investors in Industry (Jersey). Profits last year more than doubled to £311,000 on turnover of £6.4 million.

Goodman Brothers yesterday announced that it had cut its losses in the year to April to £43,000 from £234,000, on turnover down from £9.97 million to £5.29 million.

Advisers for power sale to be named

By Graham Seargeant, Financial Editor

Mr Cecil Parkinson, the Energy Secretary, is about to appoint two sets of advisers to help evolve a new structure for the electricity supply industry when it is privatized, almost certainly before the next election.

After competition from more than a dozen merchant banks, one will be chosen to vet the various possible structures and advise on whether, and at what price, the various packages could be sold to the public. The winner will not necessarily advise on the privatization issues.

A firm of consulting electrical engineers will also be appointed to advise on the technical feasibility of various schemes for competing electricity generators or combinations of generation and distribution companies, especially for the working of the national grid.

The appointments underline the Government's present open-minded approach to the

form of privatization. A series of possible solutions that introduce some competition are being considered. But the disposal will also be vital to maintaining the Treasury's ambitious targets for asset sales.

Only a straightforward sale of the Central Electricity Generating Board and the area distribution boards in one monolithic company effectively has been ruled out, though that would raise the most money. Even so, electricity is likely to be the biggest privatization ever undertaken.

Mr Parkinson plans to complete proposals for a new structure by the end of the year, to allow time for the complex Bill that will be necessary to pave the way for privatization.

This is planned to be introduced during the 1988-89 parliamentary session with a view to privatizing the industry during the life of the new government.

Courtaulds controls lace maker

By Michael Tate

Courtaulds is buying control of DLR Textiles (Desselles) in a move to establish itself as a leader in the international market for lace clothing.

The acquisition of an 83.3 per cent holding in Desselles forms part of an £8 million investment programme focusing on its Long Eaton Fabric offshoot, the only vertically structured knitting and dyeing operation in Britain.

The investment programme also involves the proposed acquisition of the minority stake in LEF and the purchase of Laces & Textiles, Britain's second-largest lace manufacturer. Discussions have reached an advanced stage.

Desselles, based at Calais, is a world leader in lace design and sells in more than 50 countries. Annual sales are £22 million, of which 50 per cent are exports, with Japan and Italy being the largest markets.

Lawson calls for action on debt

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, yesterday called for market-orientated action on international debt.

In a speech to the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Overseas Development, he rejected solutions to the debt crisis which relied solely on government action.

Such schemes, he said, "boil down directly or indirectly, to the taxpayers bailing out the banks. To do this would not only be a misuse of public

money, it would also encourage bad banking."

But the Chancellor welcomed recent action by the banks on debt provisioning. "In the immediate future, at least, this increase in provisioning is bound to mean a significant cost to the taxpayer, since more tax relief will be due to the banks."

And, he added: "Large though the tax cost is likely to be, I unhesitatingly commend the way the banks are now dealing with the debt problem on their books. By strengthening their balance sheets, and

increasing provisioning, they are moving further down the road from involuntary lending back to lending based on proper commercial decisions."

The middle-income debtor countries of Latin America, with the greatest overseas indebtedness, are in a position to pull their economies around and reduce the debt burden, he said.

This required the right economic policies, allowing markets to operate more freely and cutting back "bloated" state sectors.

The plight of the poor countries of sub-Saharan Africa, with an average gross national product per head of only \$280, was different, Mr Lawson said. He urged the adoption of the three-point plan he put forward in Washington last April and designed to help these countries. Action was needed now, Mr Lawson said, on converting aid loans into grants; longer repayment periods with generous grace periods on other loans; and reducing interest rates payable on loans to well below market levels.

Massive cuts at Shearson?

City slickers who paused for an after-work drink last night were agog at as yet unconfirmed reports that Shearson Lehman, the giant US securities dealer now owned by American Express, was on the brink of making almost a third of its London workforce redundant. Shearson spokesman Tom Clohesy refused to confirm or deny stories that the firm was about to axe as many as 400 of the 1,400 staff it employs here. "I am not denying it," he told me. Shearson, which owns the London stockbroker L Messel & Co, is known to have been an unhappy ship for some months. A recent policy decision to do away with specialist salesmen has led to a number of top-level departures and the withdrawal from market-making in certain stocks and sectors prompted its property team led by Gareth Evans to announce, only two weeks ago, that it was moving to rival firm Chase Manhattan.

● A Finnish-born press officer at car manufacturer Renault bears the unfortunate name of Yorio Kaasik.

Tidy package

The £7.3 million Ernest Ascher is about to collect for his 78 per cent shareholding in United Packaging — which he has just sold to Tyzack Turner — would make a tidy retirement nest-egg. But is the 77-year-old entrepreneur planning to retire? Perish the

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Sound in your pocket

As if the invasion of the portable telephone into restaurants and trains was not bad enough, we will soon have to suffer the additional irritation of "a shrill buzzer" rung by yet another electronic pocket device. The latest craze on Wall Street, the Pocket Message Centre, is about to be launched here by Mercury and will sell for £235 a time.

Capable of storing up to 16 messages at a time, it can be linked into a computerized "Stock Watch" system, and programmed to emit beeps whenever certain share prices begin to move beyond set limits. Could turn out to be something of a saviour, could it not, for old school stalwarts of the fast-fading long City lunch?

thought. "If I stopped work now I would grow old," he tells me. Ascher, who arrived here from Germany in 1936 with just 10 marks in his pocket, says he tried retirement once, 17 years ago, and

went off to live in Switzerland. "After six months I couldn't stick it any more," Tyzack Turner has promised him a two-year service contract, he says. "By then I'll be almost 80 and we'll look at it again."

Get well soon, Joe

On behalf of the thousands of commuters within the Square Mile — most of whom have at some time or another run to catch a moving train — I am sending a magnum of Krug champagne to Ivan "Joe" Perry, the Smith New Court market maker who lost a leg after an accident while attempting just such a feat on East Croydon Station in May. Joe, aged 56, hopes to return to work within the next few months. "He has been doing a lot of reading and writing and is fairly cheerful about it all," says his wife Pat. We wish him a speedy recovery.



Pouting Porsche

The advent of the yuppie, post-Big Bang depression and a 29 per cent price increase last year, are the explanations given by Porsche for the dramatic reduction in sales of their cars during the first six months of 1987. Figures leaked to *Motor* magazine show that, in the six months to June, 1,571 Porsche cars were registered in Britain, compared with 2,108 during the same period last year. Porsche, whose cheapest car now sells for almost £20,000, denies that the Porsche bubble may have burst. Claiming that the cars now sell to a narrower market, a spokesman tells the magazine: "Yuppies do not buy Porsches because they do not have the money. They are people who aspire to buy Porsches. Our potential buyers are people between 35 and 45 and they are achievers — often managing directors or partners of small, highly successful businesses." Depressing it might be, but Porsche-owners are, clearly, too old to be yuppies.

● Perhaps observant John O'Toole, a producer with the Public Broadcasting System in the US, should drop a line to Britain's leading brewers. Shattering American illusions about jovial English pubs, he is quoted in the *Washington Post* as saying: "There are no taverns like the ones in the beer commercials, full of handsome macho guys who talk and laugh a lot. In real taverns people tend to look depressed and stare straight ahead — often you can't even see their belts."

Carol Leonard

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A market in progress

Rural Planning comes to USM

By Joe Joseph

Rural Planning Services, capitalizing on the booming market for environmentally-sensitive construction projects that blend in with the landscape and try to leave wildlife and flora intact, yesterday came to the Unlisted Securities Market via a placing which values the company at £4.5 million.

RPS, which draws almost half its business from government agencies and another chunk from Britain's top housebuilders, is hoping a listing will give it the profile and financial muscle to speed up its growth and acquire consultants in related fields.

Pretax profits in 1986 were £185,000 on turnover of £723,000, and the directors are forecasting profits of £425,000 this year.

"There is a growing and massive demand for our services," said Mr Alan Hearn, the managing director, explaining that development projects increasingly need to

be environmentally sensitive to be granted planning permission. "We are in the right place at the right time to take advantage of the shift in government policy."

RPS takes on a range of business. It advises developers such as Wates, Bovis and Wimpey, has given advice on several new town developments, including Harlow and Stevenage, designed road schemes such as the A12 Chelmsford bypass, and carried out rural environment studies for the European Economic Community and World Bank, among others.

RPS has 40 projects in progress, with the largest a flood alleviation scheme around Maidenhead, Berkshire being prepared for the Thames Water Authority.

Yesterday's placing of 1.43 million shares at 70p each gives forecast earnings per share of 4.6p for 1987 and a prospective price earnings multiple of 15.2 times.

New Zealand approves entry of foreign banks

From Richard Long
Wellington

The New Zealand government last night granted Barclays and seven other financial institutions from Australia, the United States, France, Canada and Hong Kong approval to operate in New Zealand as trading banks.

The announcement by the Reserve Bank marked another step in the deregulation path being followed by Mr Roger Douglas, the finance minister.

The New Zealand banking scene has been dominated by four trading banks - the Australian Westpac and ANZ banks, the National Bank, owned by Britain's Lloyds Bank, and the largely state-owned Bank of New Zealand.

Mr Douglas recently caused a storm in the Labour left-wing by approving the public sale of shares in the Bank of New Zealand.

The successful institutions that will enter the New Zealand



Douglas: 'competition good for banking industry'

land banking scene are: Barclays NZ (United Kingdom), the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hong Kong), Citibank NA (US), Indosuez (France), Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce NZ (Canada), NZI Financial Corporation (New Zealand), Macquarie Bank (Australia) and Broadbank Corporation, a subsidiary of

the National Australia Bank.

Mr Spencer Russell, the Reserve Bank governor, said the new registrations included some of the largest banks in the world. This additional competition and experience could only be good for the banking industry and New Zealand, he added.

There was no set limit on the number of institutions that could be approved as registered banks, but this was the limit of applications so far. He described the approved banks as "a good geographical representation."

Mr David Caygill, an associate finance minister, said the change would bring a new era of more competitive banking which would mean a better deal for both businesses and consumers.

"Banks will have to respond even more to the needs of the consumers rather than people having to respond to the whims of the banks," he said.

WA rights to raise £4.27m

By Michael Tate

WA Holdings, the rubber and plastics group, is seeking £4.27 million from its shareholders to help with its diversification plans. It is selling 9.45 million new shares through a one-for-three rights issue at 45p a share.

The company has already agreed to spend £725,000 on Conference Associates, which organizes conferences and conventions mainly for medical, scientific, financial and business groups. The rest will be used for further acquisitions and working capital.

CA, which made profits of £283,000 in the year to March 31, will form the basis of a new services division within WA.

Mr Brian North, WA's chairman, said yesterday that the new year had started well for the group, with targeted results met in the first four months, and margins were continuing to improve.

BUSINESS SUMMARY

London United buys El Paso for £9m

London United Investments is strengthening its casualty insurance operation with the £9 million acquisition of El Paso Insurance from ACR Holdings. El Paso's activities tie in with those of LUI's Wallbrook Insurance arm, and earned profits of £1.132 million last year, with capital and reserves of £10.1 million. Mr Ronald Driver, the LUI chairman, said: "The move fits in with our general plan, which is to expand. It will help us write more business in the casualty sector."

He expects the acquisition to enable LUI to continue to benefit from market conditions and increase profitability while maintaining the quality of business. The purchase will be settled by the issue of 1.169 million shares, which have been conditionally placed by Cazenove.

J Jarvis falls to Brookville

Brookville Securities, the private company which launched an unwelcome £7.5 million takeover bid for J Jarvis & Sons last month, said yesterday that its cash offer for the building group had gone unconditional, with Brookville and those acting in concert with it commanding 50.30 per cent of Jarvis. Mr Harvey Bard, who owns Brookville, has said he would continue Jarvis's business but shift the balance towards developing its own properties.

Ward White seeks £10m

Ward White, the Zodiac Toys, Payless DIY and Owen Owen stores group, is backing up its expansion moves into the United States by offering just more than £10 million of American Depository Receipts (ADRs). A total of 836,992 ADRs each worth three ordinary shares are being sold at \$19.8. Ward White, which recently acquired the Whitlock motor parts chain in the United States, says it will use the proceeds to cut its borrowings in the US.

Menvier rises to £2m

The emergency lighting and fire alarm specialist Menvier-Swain Group lifted profits from £1.63 million to £2.99 million in the year to end-April. Turnover increased from £12.03 million to £15.61 million.

The profit is struck after committing £200,000 to research and development, the benefits of which will be seen this year as new products come on stream. Consequently, the company expects growth to continue. Lighting and fire alarms again earned the bulk of profits, although the services division improved in the second half. Menvier-Swain, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market in March last year, is paying a final dividend of 2.2p, making 3.2p for the year, against 2.1p. Earnings work out at 12p a share against 9.9p.

Bespak up to £1.9m

Bespak, the Norfolk manufacturer of aerosol valves and related products, raised profits before tax from £808,000 to £1,966 million in the year to May 1. Sales went up from £11.2 million to £13.8 million. Shareholders are to collect a final dividend of 2.75p, making a total of 4.5p for the year, up from 4.25p last year. Earnings per share were 9.9p (4.5p). In the stock market the shares responded positively to the improved results by going up 5p to 206p.

McKechnie in NZ deal

FH Tomkins is selling its 50 per cent stake in Fluid Control (NZ), New Zealand's leading manufacturer of plumbing products, to McKechnie, for NZ\$32.75 million (£12.36 million) cash. McKechnie already owns the other half of Fluid Control through Pegler-Hattersley which it acquired in June last year. FC, which made £2.98 million profit in the year to end-March, is the largest customer of McKechnie's aluminium and brass business in New Zealand.

Ealing in bid talks

Ealing Electro-Optics, the USM-quoted optical equipment company, is in discussions with an unidentified potential bidder, the company announced yesterday. It added that if an offer for the company materialized, it would be in a form which would preserve the quotation for Ealing's shares. The bidder had been introduced to Ealing by Sleipner UK.

Sleipner already owns 40.5 per cent of Ealing and announced at the beginning of this month that it had given Ealing an undertaking to make or procure from a third party an offer for the company by September 30. The undertaking stipulated that the offer would be for a minimum of 150p a share in cash. Yesterday's announcement was triggered by the recent rise in the Ealing share price. The shares fell 5p to 178p immediately after the announcement.

COMPANY NEWS

- HAMPDEN HOMECARE:** Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend 0.6p (0.5p). The board expects the final dividend to be not less than last year. With figures in £000: Pretax revenue 44 (41). Earnings per share 1.039p (0.96p).
- YELLOWHAMMER:** The annual meeting was told that the company is continuing to benefit significantly from the recent restructuring of the management team. This, supported by business gains, has brought a good performance in the early months of this year.
- AECT LTD:** Six months to June 30. Net trading income £153 million (£46 million), against £141 million. Turnover £1,479 million (£1,295 million). Earnings per share 53 cents (45 cents).
- ROYAL INSURANCE:** Because of a marked increase in investors' interest in the company's Eurocommercial paper, the programme has been increased from \$50 million to \$150 million (£93 million).
- SPLASH PRODUCTS:** Interim dividend 1.1p for the six months to April 30. With figures in £000: Turnover 1,278 (1,091). Pretax profit 103 (71). Earnings per share 1.36p (1.12p).
- PINEAPPLE GROUP:** The US subsidiary has acquired two marketing service companies in the New York area - BMS Marketing Services and Infinite Image. The initial cash consideration was \$400,000 (£250,000) for BMS and \$600,000 for Infinite. A deferred consideration will be payable, based on profits and performance, in the periods up to November 30, 1988. Combined net assets for the two are \$293,000. In the year to November 30, 1986, combined net pretax earnings were \$83,782.
- JERSEY ELECTRICITY:** Interim dividend 7 per cent (5 per cent) for the 26 weeks to March 29. With figures in £000: Gross revenue 9,802 (10,240). Pretax profit 1,730 (1,221).
- MULTITONE ELECTRONICS:** Total dividend held at 0.1p for the year to March 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 21,813 (18,459). Pretax loss 436 (1,442 loss). Loss per share 2.6p (7.8p loss).
- BANK LEUMI (UK):** Half-year to June 30. Interim dividend maintained at 3.5p. With figures in £000: Net profits (after tax and transfer to inner reserves) attributable to shareholders 675 (600).

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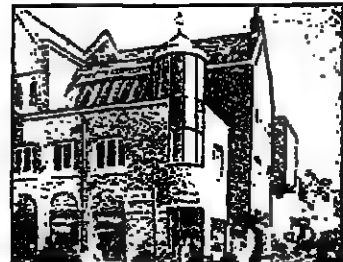
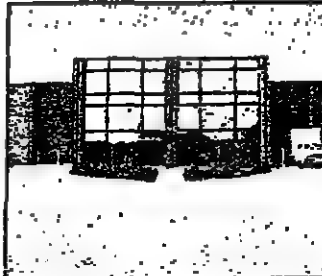
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- HAMPDEN HOMECARE:** The joint-venture directors of Hampden and Kwik-Fit Holdings report the formation of a joint venture - Kwik-Fit (NI) - to operate Kwik-Fit car repair centres throughout Northern Ireland.
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London United buys
as for £9m
 London United is strengthening its position with the £9 million acquisition of the 100% shareholding of the 100% owned subsidiary, London United Insurance Co. Ltd. The acquisition is part of a long-term plan to develop the company's insurance business. The company's share price rose to 1.15p after the announcement.

Ward White seeks £10m
 Ward White, the London-based property development company, is seeking £10 million to finance the development of a new housing estate in the south of England. The company's share price rose to 1.15p after the announcement.

envier rises to £2m
 The share price of the company rose to £2 million after the announcement of a new business deal. The company's share price rose to 1.15p after the announcement.

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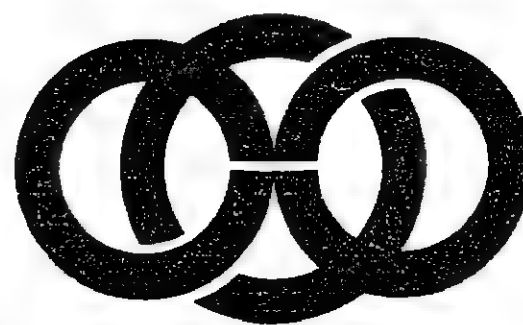
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141	57	Olives Paper	130	135	-3	
281	158	Pant & Sung	277	282		60
900	417	Sr Hys Co	850	850	+5	65
775	523	Satchel 10m	650	656	-12	179
130	115	Em Com	122	133		86

369	336	Swenhorpe	357	387	-3	84
399	248	Smith (Dag)	465	438		85
590	336	Smurth (Left)	540	580		47
283	199	Usher Walker	765	590	●	110
300	150	Wain Pullen	263	293	1	24
745	581	WCHS	728	737	1-2	8.6
345	69	Wace	290	300		
338	195	Waddington	300	367	●-2	8.2
540	252	Wainwright	535	485		93

PROPERTY									
125	75	Alfred Lon	110	115					
305	186	Arington Secs	268	253	r - 7				
780	340	Asad	740	770					

187	350	194	Baker	325	335	+3	2.5
	238	119	Bolger	234	236		2.1
156	60	17	Berkley & Hay	541	55	-17	
215	405	278	Baton (P)	395	50	-2	17.7
78	710	440	Beaumont	690	710	-2	15.1
	331	172	B. Lord	301	306	+5	4.8
89	375	363	Boston	278	288	+10	6.3
22.9	176	1	CALA	171	174	+3	2.7
	375	46	East (A) & Conn	265	272	+7	2.6

465	281	Gas & Combs	418	440	378
673	285	Cash/Priz	560	680	2.5
780	485	Chemicals	660	700	18.1
245	75	Clarke Metals	140	150	4.2
300	220	Dapform	245	350	10.3
455	270	Connels	425	490	8.8
102	15	Control Secs	94	97	2
220	130	Country & New	200	208	3.1

348	769	Curry	234	238	-4	88
408	235	Corsons	435	450	+5	90
14	665	Danoo	121	121	0	33.3
88	15	Dores	75	77	+2	9
100	100	Egerton Trust	287	282	-5	3.4
240	135	Estates & Agency	210	220	+10	4.1
173	140	Escates Gan	178	175	-3	3.7
295	163	Evans Prop	236	263	+27	11.6
230	112	Evans M Lapid	200	200	0	6.6

132	177	129	-2	
293	290	295	+10	6.2
378	335	345	+5	10.7
14	380	-20		0.9
458	420	435		3.9
371	303	308	-7	10.0
473	425	408	-10	3.8
17	17			

590	415	Hammerson	590	585	-17	14.4
690	420	Do A Tsi	590	620	-15	11.8
116	34	Hammerson	103	103	-	1.7
525	215	Hammerson	200	210	-10	3.3
720	220	Hammerson	875	885	-10	17.2
320	85	Hammerson	245	255	-10	4.0
68	43	Hong Kong Land	59	60	-1	
823	430	Irish	565	575	-10	3.7

4850	354	Jermyn	473	473	34
4900	360	Laney Prop	473	477	110
5000	306	Land Sec. (ast)	540	552	151
5000	302	Land & Edm Tot	190	190	2
553	93	Do 6 1/2	150	152	82
4023	289	Do 6 1/2	357	362	89
313	100	Law & M	380	395	43
90	45	Law Securities	90	93	7
753	126	Law Genl Bn	294	297	77

370	340	Lyndon Prop	263	267	0	75	2
592	336	MEPC (M)	579	533	-23	161	3
266	190	McInerney	349	365	16	71	2
285	118	McKay Secs	500	270	-23	54	1
178	46	Maribezan	152	157	-11	33	1
147	590	Marler	111	111	-	55	2
418	230	Mastaglio Aloope	488	479	+10	48	1
589	133	Merian Intl	215	225	-5	88	0
589						10	

151	740	Mouthsw	13	24	0	82	0
156	99	Nuckon (A&J)	146	148	-4	76	5
155	99	New Cavendon	130	140	-5	18	1
51	18	Ossory Est	50	51	1		
205	85	Partick	230	236	-6	37	1
466	265	Peashree	425	428	-3	130	3
250	68	Phocin Prop	207	212	-5		
507	230	Presl Mans	470	480	-10	21	0

634	131	Prop Security	228	228	-1	11	1
640	130	Reason	31	31	-1	01	0
316	121	Reason	230	233	-6	27	0
369	113	Reason	210	213	-9	06	0
117	630	Reason	105	105	-1	14	0
343	248	Reason & Thompson	318	323	-5	145	1
146	92	Scott Bell	181	182	-1	60	1
325	258	Shenig Co	358	368	-10	41	1
150	93	Shenig Goldsmith	142	147	-5		

313	181	Simon Escob	64	29	-5	9
107	312	Seaham Stadium	6	10		10
885	316	Spyvork	535		-8	13
126	57	Town Centre	100	185		16
440	55	Tramway Fan	280	280	-10	17
525	555	Un Land	800	840		5
12	875	Warner	12	13		12
11	75	Warcort	71	12		34
520	188	Waterbode	280	270		2

295	135	Wares	250	262	-6	3.6	1
56	79	Webb (Jas)	520	54	-4	0.7	1
250	100	West & Country	300	240	-10	12.1	5
370	230	W-nash	350	360	-5	1.5	1

SHIPPING

67	315	Ascor Bi Parts	665	660	-4	8.4	1
439	276	Calcedonia	213	217	+4	7.5	1
163	191	Clanson Oil	160	185	+25	6.5	4
92	56	Foster James	87	90	+3	2.7	3
535	508	Grag	520	550	+30	36.6	35
99	67	Jacobs JH	92	95	+3	5.3	5
270	31	Morsey Lucas	210	270	+60		

367	2.30	Doan 12/28/01	365	380	-2	123	34
275	533	P & O End call	750	755	\$ -14	260	3
338	160	Brown (Water)	315	320	+3	75	1
490	391	Typoon	430	430	-5	68	1
628	375	Turnbull Scott	618	630	+10	123	2

SHOES AND LEATHER

315	178	Gurus Booth	300	328	+2	13.7	4.4
165	45	Medium Sns	255	186	-10	0.7	0.4
410	281	Largest Hwarth	395	407		9.6	2.4
355	170	Pezom	278	330		7.0	2.1
224	146	Strong & Fraser	220	273		13.6	4.2
343	328	Snyd	270	325		6.9	2.1

TEXTILES							
293	291	Amec Tex	386	325	+43	110	26
325	193	Beale (Joni)	355	366	-2	64	19
175	100	B-Aman (A)	170	175	-5	79	46
90	73	Bomon	67	71	-4		

231	132	Be Alfract	798	711	-4	89	39
126	63	Corah	795	769	-4	56	51
532	304	Courtauld's 'aay	496	498	●	120	26
238	145	Grossman (J)	720	721	●	48	21
338	246	Rumson	731	732	● +4	85	29
71	47	Debronn	70	73	●	07	10
238	145	Daumond	718	723	-7	51	23
166	68	Fosive (John)	749	745	+4	48	32

70	172	Warren	B-colony	250					
99	36	Hocking	Parkwood	76	79	-7			
279	113	Kalamazoo		248	271	+1	55	75	
160	120	Ingram	(Hurd)	165	175		41	24	
187	117	Jessie	(S)	266	275	-8	59	75	
362	203	Lamar		359	367		75	11	
460	236	Leeds		590	590		92b	22	
240	162	Lisle		243	223	-5	31	18	
159	107	Liverpool		160	160		70	15	

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280	10	Standard A	143	145	-1	58	2.8
83	35	Standard A	77	82	-1	18	2.3
241	80	Standard Jersey	285	210		82	3.9
485	246	Tamiami	435	465	-5	63	1.8
157	105	Toronto	143	145	-2	58	4.0
378	338	Toronto	340	385		103	2.8

TOBACCO							
675	452	BAT (all)	658	662	-4	196	3.0
163	118	Careb	170	175	5		
413	276	Westman B	370	387	-8	106	2.8

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend c In payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend yield exclude a special payment h Pre-merger fig. Forecast earnings d E₁ other i Ex rights s Ex 54 share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

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Professor Ralph Hudson Johnson, professor of medicine, Wellington Clinical School of Medicine and Specialist Neurologist, Wellington Hospital, New Zealand, to be director of postgraduate medical education and training from October 1.

Aberdeen
Promotions:
Dr Peter Boyle, of the department of zoology, to a personal chair from July.

Readerships from July 1:
Dr Chalmers Clapperton (geography);
Dr Dominic Moulthan (zoology);
Dr Angus Thomson (anthropology).

Senior lectureships from October 1:
Dr John Farrington (geography);
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Dr Robert Wright (geography);
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Dr Daniel Schöns (plant science);
Dr Gordon Walther (zoology and immunology);
Dr Pauline (clinical pathology).

London
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Professor A.W. Ascher, professor of renal medicine and honorary director of the Institute of Renal Disease, University of Wales College of Medicine, to be Dean, to succeed Dr R.J. West on January 1 1988.

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Queen's, Belfast
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THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

July 23, 1987

Examination bodies are the custodians of the nation's standards. They set the benchmarks for achievement in the education and training system, and because of this their work is of central concern to industry and commerce. Readers of *The Times* will no doubt be aware of recent developments in the academic exam system. The "merger" of CSE and GCE into the new GCSE, for example, has received widespread publicity. What has attracted less attention, however, although they are of equal significance, are the changes that are taking place within the vocational examining system.

After more than a century of ad hoc and fragmented arrangements, a national framework of vocational qualifications for England and Wales is currently being set up through the new National Council for Vocational Qualifications.

As well as widening the prospects for individuals in their own careers, NCVQ should also contribute to the modernization of our whole training system. And for that reason organizations such as the CBI and the TUC, as well as examining bodies such as City and Guilds, are giving NCVQ its support.

As Sir David Nickson, the CBI president, commented: "No employer would quarrel with the decision to set up a National Council for Vocational Qualifications. The economy can only benefit if we have better qualified

people and if vocational qualifications relate realistically to the competence required at work."

It is this question of competence that is central to all the new developments. It has certainly been a matter of concern to us at City and Guilds for some time.

When you visit a dentist or an accountant for the first time it is always reassuring to see the certificates and diplomas framed on the wall. And if you are about to recruit 200 engineering technicians for a big export order you want to be confident that through their City and Guilds qualifications they have the expertise for the task.

To be truly worthwhile, however, those certificates and qualifications need to reflect the real content of the job and to be at a standard that mirrors the demands of the real world. They also need to be part of a national system that is simple and recognizable.

The NCVQ should help achieve this. Through its award of National Vocational Qualification status to qualifications that meet its criteria, it will ensure that henceforth vocational qualifications endorsed as NVQs (rather like the Design Council's kite-mark) really are a sign of an ability to perform to the standard required by industry as a whole and at a level that is clear and understood.

The City and Guilds of London Institute has been right at the heart

John Barnes: Competence is central to the new developments in our examination system

Qualifications must reflect the needs and standards of the job



John Barnes is Director-General of the City and Guilds of London Institute

of this development. As the largest vocational examining body in the country it has been setting the standards for the vocational education of craftsmen and technicians for more than a century. The scale of its work is colossal. For example, City and Guilds currently offers 1,154 different examinations spread over 320 subject areas and embracing everything from catering to computing, textiles to tourism.

Taken altogether these attracted 430,000 individual candidates in 1985-86 and, despite the declining birthrate, the numbers look likely to grow. Initiatives such as the Youth Training Scheme and the new Job Training Scheme are drawing more and more people into the qualifications system. And there has also been an encouraging interest in our qualifications from schools and colleges as the message about the

value of a technical and vocational education reaches pupils and parents alike.

City and Guilds has enjoyed its growth in these new areas. It has always believed in the need to work as closely as possible with its "customers". And it has also believed in the need to set high standards whatever the level of work with which it was dealing.

Now, more than ever before perhaps, the future success of the country depends on the way in which we in the examining and validating bodies can maintain or enhance these standards.

Already there have been some significant achievements in tackling the country's long-term problems over skill shortages and inadequate training. YTS has shown how young people with low educational attainments can be converted into attractive job prospects through good workplace

training linked to vocational education leading to City and Guilds and other qualifications.

For my part, I am very conscious that setting "industrial standards" for our qualifications is a vital task. During the 1960s and 1970s it used to be said jokingly that industry employed two groups of people. The first group made the product. The second mended it. Unfortunately, the reality behind the joke on inefficiency contributed to the loss of our export markets and highlighted the difference between "educational standards" (where 80 per cent was normally regarded as being a good mark) and "industry standards" (where a mere 80 per cent pass rate at quality control means a huge amount of waste).

Nowadays, of course, we are realizing that complete accuracy,

precision and punctuality to deadlines are essential and those kinds of standards need to be built into the vocational examination system. What is more, those standards need to be achieved under realistic working conditions. Traditional "examination conditions" may ensure that candidates don't cheat but they don't necessarily have much to do with the everyday demands of work or the standards that are required.

Even industrial standards, however, are not set in stone. They are bound to change over time. New methods, products and techniques have created the need to train and retrain, and for exam bodies to test and re-test, on many occasions during a working life.

The electrical contracting industry recently demonstrated how this can be done. Following the publication of new wiring regulations, which brought Britain into

line with the EEC, 65,000 qualified electricians were retrained and then "requalified" over a period of three years by taking a City and Guilds test.

Similarly in our information technology scheme we aim to be ahead of the field by continually developing new assessments appropriate to new techniques, which can then be taken by IT staff as the need arises in order to keep their level of competence up to date.

The upshot of all these developments — in NCVQ, in modes of study and assessment — is that in the future we shall have an increasingly "open system", in which individuals will both study and qualify through a mixture of methods using whatever is right at the time.

Qualifications derived from assessing competence are likely to be based on the accumulation of credits so that people can be educated and trained in ways that allow for progression from the basic shop-floor level through to the highest professional standing.

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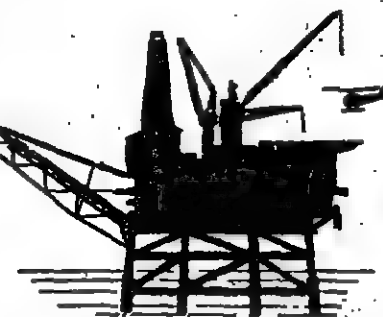
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Cash giving no quarter

From Richard Evans
Fréjus, France

The Davis Cup, so splendidly reorganized by the late International Tennis Federation (ITF) secretary, David Gray, who managed to retain the flavour of the competition whilst streamlining it to fit into the congested professional calendar, reaches the quarter-final stage this weekend. Once again the draw is awash with personal and political aspirations.

In Australia, Pat Cash makes his first competitive appearance since winning Wimbledon when Neale Fraser's team meet Mexico. Cash is not a man to be daunted by the big occasion.

Luck, of course, can not be the sole reason for Fraser's extraordinary feat of leading an often ordinary team to the semi-final or beyond in all but one of his 17 years as captain. But somehow Australia have managed another succession of home ties that should ensure their appearance in the final for the third time in five years.

Normally, Fraser would have expected to play Czechoslovakia in the final in October but Israel proved that the Davis Cup is the least predictable of sporting competitions by beating Jan Kodes's nervous squad in Prague in the first round. They now find themselves making a historic visit to India, courtesy of the Indian captain, Vijay Amritraj.

The original word from Delhi was that Israel would not be allowed in because the two nations do not have diplomatic relations. But Amritraj appealed personally



Serving his country: Vijay Amritraj facing Israel in Delhi

to the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, and gained special permission to entertain the Davis Cup committee banned Paraguay from playing at home for the remainder of the year.

A delegation headed by the Paraguayan player, Victor Pecci, and the co-owner of the splendid Yacht and Golf Club Paraguayo, Richard Kent, flew to Paris to protest the very harsh decision. It was suggested to them by a neutral observer that the removal of their president might give the ITF president, Philippe

Chatrier, the opportunity of reviewing the situation. By Wimbledon, the deed was done. "It was a bit bloody," Kent admitted, "but we got him out."

Sure enough Chatrier responded by agreeing to let Paraguay play the remainder of their matches at home should they beat Spain. That would not have been easy in the best of circumstances but at least Paraguayans will now see some point in making the effort and, as a result, the task of those Wimbledon doubles finalists, Emilio Sanchez and Sergio Casal, has become considerably tougher.

The winners' task in the semi-final will be tough in any case because their opponents will be the survivors of the round's most fascinating contest between France and Sweden here.

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Reasons for loss of office

From Mr Colin Scott
McDougal

I take great exception at the mischievous and erroneous comments which you ascribe to Vivien Saunders (July 15) about the reasons why I, as honorary secretary of the Eynsbury Hardwicke golf course which she bought, resigned from my position within three weeks of her taking over. The simple reason was not that she was a woman, but that she conducted herself in such a manner that I had no option.

At the first committee meeting which she attended, she intimated that I would no longer have an office from which to operate. What other secretary of a golf club would continue under such dictatorial aggression? I was prepared to help her in every way possible but she reciprocated by screaming at me one night on the telephone about male chauvinism.

Miss Saunders arrived at our club in a blaze of publicity about the number of golf clubs which had turned her down as a golf professional and obviously the 'chip' on her shoulder has now become a monumental 'pitch'.

As I explained to her once, though she may have bought the real estate of a golf course and buildings, her money did not buy the hearts and souls of members, including lady members.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN SCOTT
McDOUGALL
4 Lorraine Court,
Grange Road,
Bedford.

Cry from the heart

From Mr Richard Chaplin

Sir, "These days you can hit the most horrendous slice and the ball will correct itself." (Nicklaus). Would you please send me the name of the firm that makes this ball?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD CHAPLIN,
9 St Peter's Hill,
Newlyn, Cornwall.

The Open prize-giving was mishandled

From R. G. McIntosh

Sir, A growing problem at major sporting events is the behaviour of spectators. The cheering which greeted Paul Azinger's second shot at the 18th on Sunday is one example of this and while in no way condoning the behaviour, I would like to draw attention to another incident at Muirfield. This is the contempt with which spectators were treated by the 'establishment' at the end of the event. Your correspondent has mentioned reference to this in today's paper (July 21) and I can only endorse his comments.

After enduring the most terrible weather for an Open in recent years the general public were virtually excluded from the prize-giving ceremony. As I saw, originally the ceremony was to

take place close to the clubhouse surrounded by R & A members, officials and the press, so that no one else could see. Only after considerable reaction from the crowd was the reaction reluctantly moved forward a few yards and even then the vision was still restricted for a great many. As a paying spectator I would hope for some acknowledgement from the authorities of the inadequacy of the arrangements and, indeed, their insensitivity to the public.

Treat us as second-class citizens and we will respond! Let us hope that more thought is put into this prior to Lytham in 1988.

Yours faithfully,
R. G. MCINTOSH,
31 Hacketts Lane,
Pyrford, Woking.

SPORTS LETTERS

Tackling the drink problem

From The Chief Superintendent,
North Yorkshire Police

Sir, In his 'Enr Column' (July 15) Jack Waterman draws attention to an incident at York races and to the increase in drunken rowdiness on racecourses over recent years.

As I have responsibility for policing York races I would like to comment on some of the points raised.

The connection between excessive drinking and bad behaviour is well established nationally and the two Saturday meetings at York in June and July have been a particular cause for concern for the past two years. In my view two factors are relevant.

1. The marketing of party rates has led to an increase in coach parties; there were almost 600 coaches at the racecourse on Saturday and many of these parties are drawn from public houses and registered clubs. It is not unusual for passengers to be seen to be drunk on arrival and there is evidence that drink is carried on the coaches and consumed en route.

2. Brewery sponsorship, which not only encourages parties from public houses but, despite police objections, provides up to two pints of beer free at the racecourse to each member of the party.

The commercial pressures on racecourse management to attract ever larger crowds are obvious but the warning signs

From H. G. Littlefair
Sir, The article, "Nipping racing's violence at bud" (July 15) by Jack Waterman, is interesting and highlights the efforts being made at Epsom, Kempton and Sandown to improve behaviour. I have been on 44 racecourses in Britain, and I consistently find the worst manners and worst behaviour at Sandown.

Yours faithfully,
H. G. LITTLEFAIR,
4 Fallowfield Close,
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Ways to sooth cricket public

From Mr Roger Goodacre

Sir, Cricket is an entertainment which has as much responsibility to its paying customers as the theatre: imagine the reaction, and repercussions, if a theatre audience were to be informed half-way through the evening that the show was to be suspended for an indefinite period because the stuffy atmosphere had caused the leading lady to develop a headache.

The show must go on and the cricket authorities should consider taking the following measures in the interests of its customers:

1. At Test matches, appointing an independent referee, who would have sole responsibility for deciding whether play should be suspended. The umpires currently are overburdened with responsibilities, and whether or not to play has commercial considerations which they should not have to adjudicate upon.

2. Ban the bad light regulations. Helms and padding provide a protection which did not exist when these regulations were agreed. The referee would decide when conditions were such as to give one side an unfair advantage.

3. In first-class and Test cricket, allow no more than one above-shoulder-height ball per over. Why else are so many fingers being broken? If not from the insidious increase of short pitched bowling?

4. Use white balls, which afford everyone an infinitely better view of play. A dirty white ball is probably easier to see than a dirty red one against the ball(s) during intervals. Allow new balls after 100 overs.

5. Insist on a minimum 100 overs' play per day in all Test matches played in this country. Any page of any length should be made to interrupt play up to 7 p.m. at the latest, and by a more flexible reorganizing of lunch and tea breaks.

6. In one-day matches, where rules are artificial, place the bowling line five yards from the crease: two-fifths of overs to be delivered from within this line; fast bowlers to be allowed their normal run-ups. This might help to encourage spin bowling, and discourage the emphasis on line and length bowlers.

Finally, let all TCCB representatives spend a day of a Test match in the public seats at an inadequately provisioned ground such as the Oval, preferably with a couple of children and explain to them why it is that Mr Bird is getting the ground and scratching his chin while the players are practising their fielding, when they should be playing cricket.

Yours faithfully,
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How to tackle rare tackle

By Conrad Voss Bark

A unique collection of fishing tackle from Victorian times to the present day is housed in the new £250,000 House of Hardy Museum which was officially opened by Princess Margaret last Saturday.

The museum at Alnwick, next to Hardy's factory, is the first of its kind in this country and contains some very rare exhibits. Among these are life-size models of Victorian fishermen of the time of Halford complete with canvas wader stockings, rods and lines.

Small items of Victorian tackle such as a pocket line

greaser and a box of red deer fat which was used to make flies float as well as to oil the joints of rods line the display cabinets along with a rod of 1875 made of hickory and pitchwood, a landing net of 1880 and a cast box and dumper of 1886.

Fly fishermen who still have to use the CC de France split cane rod can see the original from 1911. Rods and reels of 100 years ago are certainly museum pieces but in fact still fish very well indeed. I still use a Hardy Perfect salmon reel which dates back to before 1918 in everyday fishing which says a

great deal for Hardy quality.

That quality was well known to the Royal Family. In 1922, when King George V was told it was Hardy's birthday he sent his birthday card to Alnwick instead of Thomas Hardy.

Among the sea fishing section is a big game rod of the kind used by Mitchell Hedges and Zane Grey which has a reel as big as a kettle.

The museum, just off the A1, some 30 miles beyond Newcastle, is open six days a week. Anyone interested in an organized escorted tour of the factory can ring 0665 602771.

He could not shut his eyes to the reality of the case. The law had often been called an ass, a view with which he did not agree. But the court would indeed be an ass if it attempted to make orders which were manifestly incapable of achieving their avowed purpose.

His Lordship had been compared with King Canby. He felt more like the Dutch boy with his finger in the dike which had already been breached a few hundred yards upstream.

In the contemporary world of Jumbo jets and electronic means of communication news anywhere was news everywhere. The old maxim that equity would not act in vain was good law and therefore, taking all the factors into account, his Lordship preferred the arguments against maintaining interlocutory injunctions against the newspapers.

There was indeed a substantial body of authority which said that once confidential information had got into the public domain remedies by way of injunction were not available. But Mr Mummery said that that was far too simplistic a view and his Lordship agreed with him.

The principles of the law of confidential information had not as yet been clarified in the decided cases.

However, this appeared to be

whether the injunction had been rightly granted, not for the person conducting the inquiry as to damages.

The Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Parker and Sir George Waller) so held on July 3 in allowing an appeal by Polystyus Ltd from the refusal of

an order for an inquiry as to damages and for costs following the discharge of a *Mareva* injunction granted in favour of Norwest Holst Civil Engineering Ltd on March 6.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said in *Burkley Bank Ltd v Rosenberg* (unreported May 9, 1985) Mr Justice Evans appeared to have contemplated that the court had to consider whether there was a triable issue whether the injunction should have been granted, and if so to refer that question to the person undertaking the inquiry as to damages.

It was for the court to decide whether there should have been an injunction and then to move on to consider whether there should be an inquiry. The decision whether the injunction had been properly granted was for the court, not for the person conducting the inquiry as to damages.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held allowing an appeal by Mr Sandro Tobin by case stated against his conviction by the Horseferry Road Stipendiary Magistrate on June 27, 1986.

Section 10(5) of the 1972 Act, as substituted, provides: "A document purporting to be... both such a statement and such a certificate, as mentioned in subsection (3)(a) above is

FISHING

Medlow will captain Welsh women

Margaret Medlow, of Swansea, a former British international, will captain the Welsh women's team in the European Cup to be held in London from September 3 to 13.

The Welsh squad of 16 includes two newcomers: Helen Jones, of Newtown, and Linda Watkins, of Cwmaw.

Wales' new coach is Captain, S. Gwynne (Swansea), P. McCarthy (Swansea), S. Mawley (Leicester), J. Satterley (Hemel Hempstead), C. Thomas (Clifton), C. Williams (Portsmouth), H. Thomas (Cwmbran), S. Walters (Cwmbran), H. Green (Newport), H. Jones (Newport), L. Watkins (Cardiff), W. Williams (Cwmaw), K. Rodenick (Penarth), W. Banks (Buckley), J. Elmes (Cardiff).

After enduring the most terrible weather for an Open in recent years the general public were virtually excluded from the prize-giving ceremony. As I saw, originally the ceremony was to

take place close to the clubhouse surrounded by R & A members, officials and the press, so that no one else could see. Only after considerable reaction from the crowd was the reaction reluctantly moved forward a few yards and even then the vision was still restricted for a great many. As a paying spectator I would hope for some acknowledgement from the authorities of the inadequacy of the arrangements and, indeed, their insensitivity to the public.

Treat us as second-class citizens and we will respond! Let us hope that more thought is put into this prior to Lytham in 1988.

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Advertisement for 'Snow' and 'margin Bisley'.

MCC owe the members an explanation

When I resigned as treasurer of MCC last December, I decided not to make my resignation public because I felt that the committee would have to give the members of the club a full explanation of the events which led both to my resignation and to the enforced removal of the secretary, Jack Bailey.

Refrutably, members of MCC have not been given that explanation. They were not told in the annual report, which was presented to the annual meeting in May and which was overwhelmingly rejected by the members, and they have still not been told in a memorandum which has been sent out in relation to a special general meeting of the club, called for next Thursday.

In addition, the committee has refused to allow any point of view to be put to the members other than their own. That being the case, I do not think I can be criticized for trying to identify the issues which are causing the members so much concern in the year of the club's bicentenary celebrations.

Let me say at once that those concerned have nothing whatever to do with who runs professional cricket in this country. That is the job of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

The points at issue are: who runs Lord's cricket ground, which is owned by MCC and its members, and how should we treat those people who have worked for us?



David Clark, the former treasurer of MCC, gives his reasons for resigning in a year of supposed celebration

As I say, these two questions, along with many others, were not addressed by the annual meeting, partly because they were not present at the meeting and partly because the meeting degenerated into such chaos that the members were not allowed to raise points they wished to discuss.

I resigned as treasurer of MCC because of two developments. The first was the lack of support from the committee for my belief that members of the club should be consulted before any change was agreed with the TCCB relating to the control of major matches at Lord's.

My belief was reinforced by legal advice sought by the club but the committee decided to ignore that advice. That legal advice also affirmed that the recommendations of a working party report, which was adopted both by the committee and the members in 1984, were binding upon the club and had to be implemented.

The committee ignored that advice as well and, what is just as distressing, they have dispensed with the services of the solicitors who sought that advice. Those solicitors had served the club for more than 50 years.

The memorandum sent to members for the special general meeting emphasizes that the committee remains responsible for the entire management of the club. It quotes Rule 37 as the reason why the

he and his organization objected to the strenuous defence that Bailey had made of MCC's control of Lord's and the rights of MCC members at their own ground.

To bow to pressure from an outside body seemed, to me, to lack loyalty to the club's chief executive and to lower the standards of integrity which I have always associated with MCC.

The financial terms of the secretary's severance with the club have been said to be generous. Why, therefore, was the secretary denied a subscription list for his benefit, which in recent years has become customary on the retirement of long serving members of the MCC staff?

MCC is a complex organisation with a financial turnover considerably greater than the figures shown in the club's accounts. Few members of the committee understand the detailed organization of the club. Therefore, the running of the club is basically in the hands of the dedicated staff headed by the executive secretaries.

It is vitally important that the committee take heed of the opinions of those secretaries and support them. In too many directions, members of the club have been told much less than the whole truth.

For instance, in the financial section of the memorandum sent out for the special general meeting, nothing has been said to correct the statement made by the chairman of finance at the annual meeting that

Payne walks tall as he follows illustrious path

By John Hennessey

Jim Payne was a towering figure, both physically and figuratively, on the first day of the Carris Trophy golf tournament at Moor Park yesterday. With rounds of 67, two under par, over the West course and 72 over the East, he had established a comfortable lead.

With a few players still on the course completing their second rounds, Payne (Sandilands) was four shots ahead of a group of players on 143, Wayne Henry (Porters Park), an illustrious figure in boys' golf since winning an Open championship regional qualifying competition three years ago, is one stroke further back.

The Carris Trophy is an unofficial England Boys' championship with every player under 18 but Payne, for all his youth, is over six feet tall — Open champion, you might say, after Muirfield.

But Payne has already surpassed Nick Faldo at this level. When Faldo competed in the 1974 tournament won by Ken Brown, he failed to beat the 16-year-old Payne, his last year at the age of 16, is naturally hoping to advance five places this time.

Payne's 67 over the easier West course in the morning was the best of the day, shared by Steve Finch (Shooters Hill). But, if anything, he played better on

Pitch is no defence for Yorkshire's batting

By Martin Searby

HEADINGLEY: (Glamorgan won toss) Yorkshire are 181 for nine after 70 overs.

Hugh Morris, the Glamorgan captain, was understandably suspicious of the Headingley pitch; it was only a fortnight ago his side were shot out for 83 in less than 29 overs and with all the kerfuffle since he understandably assumed Yorkshire to bat first upon winning the toss.

That Glamorgan were able to reduce Yorkshire to 97 for five might suggest things have not improved substantially, but the batting was far short of the highest class and with van Zyl bowling with great verve in an opening nine-over burst which brought him two for 23, they were soon struggling.

Moxon, without much practice in the last seven soddan days, was leg before, not offering a stroke, and young Blakey, having survived a reckless slash which flew over second slip, was not at the pitch of the ball when he drove to cover, where Morris held a splendidly athletic catch.

In the best stand of the innings, the left-handed Sharp put on 46 in 17 overs with Metcalfe, seeing his bat disintegrate in the process. He was left holding the handle as he pushed



Happy returns: Mallender, of Somerset, during his spell of four for 37 against his former county, Northamptonshire at Northampton (Photograph: Hugh Routledge). Report, page 38

Tenacious Newell hits first century

By Jack Bailey

ball from Holding caught him on the back foot in front.

But others were well up to the demands made of them. First, Paul Pollard, 19 years old and playing his first major role, made an impressive debut once he settled down. Meanwhile, Mortensen, of the Derbyshire bowlers, were able to hussle the Nottinghamshire batsmen into error.

So on to centre stage came Michael Newell, who, displaying admirable tenacity, scored his first championship century. He presented a broad blade to 271 balls, shared in stands of 72 with Pollard, 115 with Birch and 86, unfinishing, with Hadlee. He batted throughout the day and saw Notts pass the 300 mark. All in all it was a day he will remember.

The absence of Chris Broad and Tim Robinson at Edgbaston and of Derek Randall, also *hors de combat*, but a pleasant companion in the press box, left the Nottinghamshire batting largely in the hands of a competent supporting cast. The three leading performers remaining were Rice, Johnson, and Hadlee, but although Johnson was merciless on anything short — two pulls off Jean-Jacques from successive balls hit the mid-wicket boards a tremendous bump — he became the first of two scalps for Holding during an impressive second spell of two for 26 in eight overs.

Rice was the other. The Nottinghamshire captain, whose appearance and demeanour put one in mind of a lean and spare version of John Wayne, hardly had his gun out of his holster when a quicker

Warwickshire fall to Folley's spin that are unwanted

By Geoffrey Wheeler

Lancashire, who led the Britannia Assurance championship table until mid-June, gave notice at Southampton yesterday that they must still be considered among the contenders, despite a run of three successive defeats prior to a 14-day break from the game, courtesy of the fixture computer.

They emerged from their mid-season hibernation to put Warwickshire in and out for 116, the left-arm spin bowler, Ian Folley, proving virtually unplayable on a damp pitch to emerge with career-best figures of seven for 15 in 21.3 overs.

The day had started badly for Warwickshire when David Thorne was taken to hospital for an operation for appendicitis, allaying Neil Smith, the 19-year-old son of M J K, to make his debut.

They reached 52 before the first wicket fell but after that it was a procession against Folley and Simmons, a far cry from the corresponding match on the same ground in 1982 when Kalicharan and Humpage put on 470 for the fourth wicket, a championship point.

Michael Atherton, the Cambridge University batsman, marked his first appearance for

Chance for Edgbaston to play decisive part

By Simon Wilde

Edgbaston has provided the opening match of the series on the four previous occasions Pakistan have played Tests in England. This time the ground has the possibility of seeing a series decided, if Pakistan manage to repeat their success of Headingley. Staggering opening encounters can have its advantages, however, and Edgbaston has seen some notable arrivals on the international scene.

The most dramatic was by Zaheer Abbas in 1971. He had made one modest appearance for Pakistan 19 months earlier, but on this occasion his innings of 274 — which remains the highest score for his country against England — was a revelation. Zaheer showed his skills against county sides for several weeks prior to this display, and brought up his 1,000 runs in his first English season by June 4.

In that same match, Imran Khan made his Test debut at the

England team averages

Batting and fielding									
M	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	St	Wkts	Best
C W J. Athey	1	2	22	0	0	11.00	0	0	
T V. Bowdler	9	13	444	12*	1	137.00	0	0	
R C. Broad	6	9	271	6*	0	245.18	0	0	
G D. Galy	9	14	98	29	0	11.60	0	0	
P H. Edwards	12	15	178	32	0	19.77	4	0	
J E. Embury	9	12	265	73	0	231.95	0	0	
M A. Foster	11	12	176	58	0	20.81	0	0	
B N. French	10	11	258	70	0	22.45	2	0	
M W. Gatling	10	14	650	19*	2	250.00	7	0	
D I. Gower	10	14	31	55	0	12.07	3	0	
N V. Radford	14	18	132	31	0	15.25	4	0	
R T. Robinson	11	17	487	16*	1	30.43	9	0	

Pakistan tour averages

Batting and fielding									
M	No	R	HS	100	50	Ave	St	Wkts	Best
Mansoor Akhtar	13	19	361	159	3	58.00	5	0	
Saim Javed	11	14	201	99	0	53.92	6	0	
Javed Miandad	9	11	483	211*	1	248.30	1	0	
Snoob	14	19	4	0	0	3.43	28	0	
Mohammad Nadeem	10	11	133	101	1	38.22	3	0	
Jaz Ahmed	8	8	254	63*	0	38.28	2	0	
Muhammad Nazir	11	14	102	74	0	13.50	2	0	
Munir Khan	9	12	10	0	0	1.11	1	0	
Ramiz Raja	9	12	0	0	0	3.25	0	0	
Saim Younis	13	10	3	0	0	24.71	30	0	
Munir Khan	11	12	10	0	0	1.11	1	0	
Munir Khan	8	4	48	22	0	24.00	4	0	
Munir Khan	10	8	65	25	0	21.88	4	0	
Munir Khan	7	10	14	0	0	15.58	4	0	
Munir Khan	4	5	0	0	0	10.00	2	0	
Munir Khan	4	5	0	0	0	2.20	7	0	

Luck on Sheard's side

Alison Sheard knew it was her lucky day after playing only one hole in the £30,000 Bloor Homes Eastleigh Classic at Fleming Park yesterday. "I holed from 15 feet for a birdie at the first, then at the second my drive rebounded from a tree into the middle of the fairway. I thought then that luck was with me," the former Open champion winner said after her round.

Miss Sheard hit five birdies and an eagle on the way to a five under par 61 and the chance of a first tour win since capturing the 1985 Spanish Open title. Three of Miss Sheard's birdies were won on short holes, and she had an eagle three at the 394-yard par five seventh where a six-iron second shot pulled up only four feet from the hole.

Miss Sheard leads by one stroke from the Australian, Libby Wilson, with Debbie Dowling, the holder, on 63 alongside Cathie Panton and Diana Heinicke from the United States.

Hartley finds way past rival

By Roger Lean-Vercos

James Hartley and Ian Tillet demonstrated that their winning style is not confined to windy conditions when they won the fourth points race of the Prince of Wales Cup week in Falmouth yesterday. Racing was delayed for over an hour as the breeze settled to a force two northerly and the fleet of 55 got away at the second attempt.

First at the windward mark was Andy Fitzgerald and Adrian Murphy and they stormed off down the reach closely followed by Hartley and Tillet.

After marginally increasing his lead on the first two laps of the course that was four triangles, Fitzgerald made one mistake. On the third beat he dropped cover on Hartley, thinking that he had reached the lay-line, but Hartley had seen a streak of wind on the water ahead. He continued for 100 yards, found a breeze, tacked, and in slightly stronger breeze he sailed over Fitzgerald who had fallen into a hole.

Statistics that are unwanted

By Richard Streton

PORTSMOUTH (Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 51 for three wickets against Hampshire.

Portsmouth's annual week had a dreary start yesterday when a soaked field prevented play until 4.30. Hampshire, who are fourth in the table and usually do well on this United Services ground, chafed at the bit a little before Sussex, who are bottom.

The scorers, Vic Isaacs and Len Chandler, worked out during the long wait that before this match rain has cost Hampshire 75 hours of their three-day programme, and Sussex 80. Saddy the forecasters say there will be: "Power to add."

Marshall and Connor, though handicapped by a wet ball, each took an early wicket when a start was made. Ali Khan prodded a low catch to forward short. Green, too, pushed forward and was caught behind. Parker was not reluctant to strike the ball firmly, but just before the end Terry held an edged shot from him at second slip. Terry left a second team match at Leigh-on-Sea earlier when Greenidge reported his troublesome knee had reacted unfavourably to an injection.

No play yesterday

THE QUAL: Sussex v Worcestershire, FOLKESTONE: Kent v Gloucestershire. GUILDFORD: Women's one-day international: England v Australia.

Evening racing

Sandown Park									
Going	5.25 (m)	5.45 (m)	5.55 (m)	6.15 (m)	6.35 (m)	6.55 (m)	7.15 (m)	7.35 (m)	7.55 (m)
1	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
2	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
3	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
4	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
5	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
6	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
7	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
8	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
9	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10
10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10	1.10

Agassi agony

Gary Muller, the South African who upset Andres Gome last week, again scored a surprise in the Grand Prix tennis tournament in New York when he knocked out Andre Agassi, the second seeded American, 6-3 6-3 in a first round match.

England's old hands are overdue a performance

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The fourth Cornhill Test match will start at Edgbaston this morning. If the forecast for a drier day is to be relied upon, on a pitch with a lot of moisture in it. And if last winter's "grand slam" in Australia is not to begin to seem, very soon, like a mirage, England are going to have to play a great deal better than they did in the third Test at Headingley.

It was too damp yesterday to allow any proper outdoor practice, which left England shorter than ever of cricket. This is not entirely because of the atrocious weather. The make-up of the county programme has a lot to do with it, and that, of course, has less effect on the touring side.

Although modern Edgbaston Test matches are won far more often than not, by the seam bowlers and despite the Pakistani penchant for slow bowling, there was much talk yesterday that England will play both their spinners. It will be against all the guidelines if they do. The ball is almost sure to move off the seam and to swing. It is very rare for it not to here.

On the other hand, there is no bounce whatever for the spinners, and against India last year, even when the ball was turning and Embury and Edmonds were both playing, Gattling thought it worth giving Embury only seven overs out of the 78 that were bowled in India's second innings, as

England were pressing for victory.

I gather the reason for the pitch being damp is the flooding of the groundsmen gave it last Sunday week, during the heatwave. Thinking, then, that unless he watered it it would break up, he had no sunshine since to dry it out again. Yesterday was typical of the recent weather, being dank and endlessly grey.

I shall have to come back now to Botham. He has still not had any of the hard practice that the England selectors had in mind for him when they chose their side last Saturday morning. There were those who said that if he had had it yesterday it would have sufficed him up for the start of the match today. But Botham has performed so remarkably over the years that I should never dare say that he is washed up as a bowler.

At Melbourne last Boxing Day, when he had not bowled for nearly a month, he con-

found everyone by taking five for 41 in Australia's first innings in the match with clinched the Ashes for England. And at Headingley the other day, after he had been hit on the foot while batting, his bowling was undoubtedly missed, particularly with the ball swinging as it did. He can bowl so badly now, though, that it is leaving a lot to chance, and to his great flair for the spectacular, expecting him to do it all again.

Another old hand we are asking a lot of is Gower. With a top score of 55 from his fourteen first-class innings this season, he, too, will be drawing on memory and inspiration to set him on his way. His two Test double hundreds were, in fact, both made at Edgbaston, the second of them against Australia in 1985. But all the England side, not only these two, are under pressure. If they are not playing for their places, they are beginning to feel the need to disabuse those

who maybe thinking that Australia was of limited significance.

Pakistan, for their part, have not only a lead in the series but a wider choice than in any of the previous Tests. Ramiz and Tauseef being fit again. They have got away so far with an absentee captain and accommodated quite successfully a somewhat garrulous manager. But they are still, and always will be, volatile. If England could get in a quick blow or two at them, things could change quite dramatically. For this to happen England may need, this time, to bowl first, as the likeliest way of their gaining an early initiative.

Of the four previous Tests between the sides at Edgbaston, England have won three and one was drawn. But it was here in 1971 that Zaheer Abbas scored 274 out of a total of 608 for seven declared.

I am not at all sure this time England are the better of the two sides anyway. They have more experience, certainly, but no more natural ability.

So far as crowd control is concerned for today's match, forewarned should be forearmed. There has been no nastiness since the one-day international at Edgbaston, not least because, surprisingly, few Pakistanis have watched the Test matches. Now that Pakistan have taken a lead in the series that could change, but the ground authorities are prepared for it.

TEAMS FOR EDGBASTON

ENGLAND (from): R T Robinson (Nottinghamshire), B C Broad (Nottinghamshire), C W J Athey (Gloucestershire), M W Gatting (Middlesex) (captain), D I Gower (Leicestershire), J E Embury (Worcestershire), N F Foster (Essex), P H Edmonds (Middlesex), N V Radford (Worcestershire), G R Dilley (Worcestershire).
PAKISTAN (from): Mudassar Nazar, Shoaib Mohammad, Mansoor Akhtar, Sahib Malik, Javed

Mandad, Ijaz Ahmed, Imran Khan (captain), Ramiz Raja, Tauseef Ahmed, Wasim Akram, Saleem Yousuf, Abdul Qadir, Mohsin Kamal.
Umpires: B J Meyer and A G T. Whithead.
PREVIOUS TESTS: First (Old Trafford, June 4 to 9): Drawn. Second (Lord's, June 18 to 23): Drawn. Third (Headingley, July 2 to 6): Pakistan won by 11 runs and 18 runs.
REMAINING TEST: Fifth (The Oval, August 6 to 11).



Botham: Short of practice but, perhaps, not of inspiration for a crucial match for England

Batsmen fail to unravel the seam of Somerset

By Marcus Williams

NORTHAMPTON (Somerset won the toss): Northamptonshire have scored 132 against Somerset.

It is tough at the top, as Northamptonshire discovered yesterday. Losing a crucial toss, they had to bat first on the greenest of green tops and were dismissed for 132 in 37.3 overs by the Somerset seamers.

It might have been considerably fewer but for a staunch 49 off 64 balls by Richard Williams and the prodigality of the bowlers, which made extras at 30, the second top scorer. Bad light, having caused four interruptions in all, prevented Northamptonshire unleashing an avenging Winston Davis until today.

Northamptonshire's rise to the top of the championship for the first time in 11 years failed to rouse the imagination of the locals, who turned out in paltry numbers. True, the weather was scarcely inviting, delaying the start by 45 minutes, nor were their side's prospects bright after the sixth ball of the day. Mallerder, back on familiar ground to produce the customary emi-

grés effective performance against his old county, made one lift and Larkins was caught off his gloves down the leg side.

Mallerder, recovered from a strained back, then had problems with his run-up and Foster, another youthful product of the Haringey Cricket College, with his direction, so that of the first 40 runs only 20 came from the bat. Between times, however, they managed to produce several testing balls. Foster accounting for Geoff Cook, caught at the wicket, and Mallerder having Bailey taken at second slip and Lamb at short leg.

Capel and Wild fatally pursued wicket balls. Burns diving almost in front of second slip to hold Capel, so that in the second over after lunch Northamptonshire were tottering at 47 for six. It was fortunate indeed for them that Harden, at third slip, failed in a valiant effort to grasp a fierce chance offered by Williams off Mallerder before he had scored, for he played with admirable composure and took severe toll of anything loose.

When play eventually resumed after an early tea, Williams cut Foster for a remarkable six in an over costing 15, as he and Ripley put together the biggest stand of the innings, 36, in seven overs. Ripley fell to a splendid catch by Felton at short-leg, but Williams indulged his favourite back-foot force through the covers and Davis added a few meaty blows. Williams's stalwart effort ended unworthily when he cut a long hop to cover, last man out one short of his 50.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings: G Cook c Burns b Foster 3; W Larkins c Burns b Mallerder 3; R Bailey c Gower b Mallerder 11; A Lamb c Felton b Mallerder 11; D J Capel c Burns b Mallerder 43; R Williams c Harden b Palmer 43; D J Wild c Riebeck b Palmer 2; 10 Ripley c Felton b Foster 15; N V Radford c Burns b Foster 15; N F Foster c Gower b Foster 14; W W Davis c Gower b Palmer 14; A Walker not out 2. Extras 62.2, D.T. 7, W. 4, N.B. 17. Total (37.3 overs) 132.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-3, 2-17, 3-19, 4-38, 5-40, 6-47, 7-43, 8-103, 9-122. BOWLING: Mallerder 14-2-37-4; Foster 11-1-50-3; Palmer 12-3-33-3. SOMERSET: In a follow, P M Riebeck, J J Harden, M D Gower, W Larkins, N F Foster, J J Palmer, H A Mallerder and J J Foster. Bonus points: Northamptonshire 0. Umpires: J Braham and D R Shepherd.

Snooker move on drugs

By John Goodbody

The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association (WPBSA) is set to break away from the Sports Council's strict drug testing programme because of the row over leading players taking beta-blockers, a practice first revealed in *The Times* in April.

From next season, the WPBSA is unlikely to use the council's facilities for all their major televised tournaments for random dope testing, which is commonplace in all major Olympic sports and is now becoming increasingly commonplace in professional sports, like football.

But Paul Hatherell, the WPBSA tournament organizer, stressed yesterday that the governing body would next season be "tightening up" on its procedures for drug-testing using its own medical advisers.

An independent medical body, led by Dr David Forster, its medical adviser, will decide whether players could take drugs that they had been prescribed for medical conditions.

Asked whether the WPBSA would be carrying out its own tests instead of using the Sports Council's subsidised facilities, supported by taxpayers' money, Mr Hatherell replied: "This will be up to us". It would be expensive and difficult for a governing body to get the private facilities to carry out a full-proof system that was credible to sponsors, who have been concerned at the image of the sport amid allegations of drug-taking.

Mr Hatherell stressed that the decision was not finalized and that the WPBSA had to write to Sir Arthur Gold, chairman of the Sports Council's Drugs Abuse Advisory Group, to give him the WPBSA's final decision. "We will be doing that in the next five or six days."

He added that two years ago the WPBSA had supported the government's initiatives to eliminate drug-taking in sport but had subsequently found that at several major professional sports events, like Wimbledon, no drug tests were carried out.

Buckner in comeback

Jack Buckner, who was pre-selected for the world athletics championships in Rome after his triumph over 5,000 metres in the European championships at Stuttgart last year, returns at Gateshead on Sunday after a five-week absence with a hamstring injury.

Among his rivals in the 2,000m will be Tim Hutchings, his 5,000m partner in Rome.

£20,000 loan

Doncaster Council has agreed to guarantee a £20,000 mortgage for Doncaster rugby league club to buy back their Tattersfield ground which was seized when the old club went into liquidation last year.

Roche collapses after desperate fight-back

From John Wilcockson, La Plagne

If there was ever a day that fully exemplified the drama of the Tour de France it was yesterday. It produced a non-stop battle for the yellow jersey between Pedro Delgado and Stephen Roche.

Their duel reached its crescendo over the final 10 uphill miles of an extraordinary 21st stage in the French Alps. Delgado, the better climber, made his expected attack and raced to a minute's lead six miles from the finish.

Roche dug into his reserves, chasing with Luciano Loro, of Italy, and Denis Roux, of France. Riding well together the three men closed the gap to 45 seconds with two miles left to race.

Then, with both men at their physical limit after racing for six hours, Roche surged back, knowing that the yellow jersey would be lost, or won, in the final few minutes of this stage. The Irishman

tried so hard that he crossed the line in Delgado's wake an official four seconds behind.

In the excitement and turmoil of this Hitchcockian finale, Roche was mobbed by the waiting television, radio and newspaper reporters, and collapsed at their feet. Camera lenses were thrust in his face, but a way was cleared and the courageous Dubliner was eventually lifted into an ambulance and driven back down the mountain to his hotel.

The thin air, oxygen debt from his finishing effort and the frenzied mob caused his collapse, but the race doctor said Roche would recover quickly.

The battle for the race leadership completely overshadowed the stage win by Laurent Fignon, who just outsprinted Anselmo Fuerte, of Spain, to repeat the victory he gained here when winning the 1984 Tour de France.

TOUR RESULTS

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